

**Meet The Conservative Trying To Unseat Joe Manchin And
Redden The Senate In 2018**
Jayme Metzgar, The Federalist

It's a remarkable quirk of our federal republic that U.S. policy often hinges on local races. Regional personalities and issues, emerging from places coastal elites have never visited, will play a significant role in next year's midterm elections-most crucially, the battle for the U.S. Senate.

House

Paul Ryan again pushes for a simpler tax code
CNBC

House Speaker Paul Ryan touted Republicans' tax reform plan Wednesday after touring an Intel facility in Oregon. Ryan cast the coming GOP proposal as essential to simplifying the tax code and allowing the U.S. economy and its companies to thrive.

Dems to Trump: We won't yield on wall funding
Rafael Bernal, The Hill

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) warned Democrats would hold fast to their pledge to oppose border wall funding after President Trump threatened a government shutdown over the issue. "President Trump's multi-billion dollar border wall boondoggle is strongly opposed by Democrats and many Republicans," she said.

States

Judge rejects revised Texas voter ID law
Josh Gerstein, Politico

A federal judge has ruled that changes Texas made to its voter identification law earlier this year did not go far enough to render the state's policy constitutional. U.S. District Court Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos said the new legislation, passed in May and signed in August by Gov. Greg Abbott, failed to address all the aspects of the 2011 law that the judge found intentionally discriminated against African Americans and Latinos.

The Democrat running for Va. governor wants Confederate monuments to come down. Republicans said he has turned his back on 'heritage.'

Laura Vozzella and Fenit Nirappil, The Washington Post

The Republican Party of Virginia said Wednesday that Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, whose ancestors once owned slaves and fought in the Civil War, had "turned his back on his own family's heritage" by calling for the removal of Confederate monuments. The accusation drew swift condemnation from Democrats and some Republicans, who said it amounted to calling Northam a "race traitor."

Gillespie mocks ESPN for pulling Robert Lee from Virginia game

Diamond Naga Siu, Politico

Ed Gillespie, the Republican nominee for Virginia governor, mocked ESPN on Wednesday for pulling sportscaster Robert Lee from the University of Virginia's first home football game in hopes of avoiding awkward comparisons to the Confederate general of the same name. Charlottesville, where the university is located, drew a spotlight earlier this month when white supremacist and neo-Nazi marchers gathered there to protest the planned removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee.

Parts of National Monument in Utah May Lose Federal Protection

Julie Turkewitz and Lisa Friedman, The New York Times

Parts of this sprawling region of red-rock canyons, towering mesas and ancient Native American sites in southeastern Utah could lose their strict federal protection as a national monument, under a recommendation that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is expected to issue on Thursday. Shrinking the Bears Ears National Monument and reopening much of the land for possible mining and drilling would be widely seen as a direct blow to former President Barack Obama's environmental legacy, and the first major test of a century-old conservation law.

Advocacy

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson tells employees to call Congress to push for tax reform

Melissa Repko, The Dallas Morning News

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson threw his weight behind a congressional proposal to slash corporate taxes and rewrite the nation's tax code Wednesday, urging the telecom company's employees to call their representatives. Stephenson has long argued that lower corporate taxes would free up money for AT&T and other companies to boost job creation and capital investment.

Violence in Charlottesville leads to soul-searching at ACLU **Tom Hays and Larry Neumesiter, The Associated Press**

Faced with an angry backlash for defending white supremacists' right to march in Charlottesville, the American Civil Liberties Union is confronting a feeling among some of its members that was once considered heresy: Maybe some speech isn't worth defending. Cracks in the ACLU's strict defense of the First Amendment no matter how offensive the speech opened from the moment a counter-protester was killed during the rally in Virginia.

A Message from the Electronic Payments Coalition:

Taking a road trip to escape the heat this summer? Watch out for skimmers at gas stations, which can steal your card data-including PINs-and cause you a headache during your vacation. [Learn more](#) from EPC.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Beating His Own Head Against the Wall

The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal

Donald Trump is sore at Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for saying recently that the President sometimes has "excessive expectations" for Congress. But Mr. Trump proved Mr. McConnell right Tuesday when he told a rally in Phoenix that he's willing to shut down the federal government this autumn to get funding for his border wall with Mexico.

The President Turns on His Own

The Editorial Board, The New York Times

On a baking-hot evening in Phoenix on Tuesday, in another of the campaign-style rallies in red states that seem to give him strength when he runs into trouble in Washington, President Trump trotted out the usual enemies, the malefactors in the "very dishonest media" and the "anarchists" of the left to whom that very same media had paid too little attention. But this time he gave equal billing to his fellow Republicans in Congress - the people he will surely need if he hopes to deliver on infrastructure or anything else of value to the working-class Americans who elected him.

Has the Navy Reached Its Breaking Point?

Seth Cropsey, The Wall Street Journal

Sunrise in Singapore on Aug. 20 came at 7:03. Nearly an hour and a half earlier, the guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain -named for Sen. John McCain's father and grandfather, both admirals-collided with a Liberian-flagged tanker ship near the heavily traveled Strait of Malacca.

Rating Change: Flake More Vulnerable in Arizona **Nathan Gonzales, Roll Call**

The acrimony between President Donald Trump and Arizona Republican Jeff Flake, which is already making the senator's re-election bid more challenging, should only intensify during the president's rally in Phoenix on Tuesday night. Flake is known as a Trump opponent, which could make him vulnerable in the primary.

A Message from the Electronic Payments Coalition:

\$2 BILLION! That's how much theft from gas station skimmers cost consumers in 2014. The Electronic Payments Coalition (EPC) has tips to help you protect yourself when you're filling up at home or traveling far and wide this summer.

Research Reports and Polling

DDHQ / Opinion Savvy Poll of #ALSen Runoff: Moore 50.3% Strange 32.2%

Brandon Finnigan, Decision Desk

Decision Desk HQ sponsored an Opinion Savvy poll of likely voters in Alabama for the upcoming Senate special election's Republican primary runoff. Voters were contacted by landline (IVR) and cell phone (push notification and web-based survey), and the sample was weighted for age, race, gender and region.

A Lost Decade in Higher Education Funding State Cuts Have Driven Up Tuition and Reduced Quality

Michael Mitchell et al., Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

A decade since the Great Recession hit, state spending on public colleges and universities remains well below historic levels, despite recent increases. Overall state funding for public two- and four-year colleges in the 2017 school year (that is, the school year ending in 2017) was nearly \$9 billion below its 2008 level, after adjusting for inflation.



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<http://www.naacp.org/latest/naacp-requests-meeting-nfl-commissioner-discuss-first-amendment-issues-colin-kaepernick/>

From: Dr. Jerome L. Reide; Regional Field Director, NAACP Midwest Region III

Subject: FW: Letter to Units Re Colin Kaepernick Rally

Dear NAACP State/State-Area Conference & Unit Presidents:

On Wednesday, August 23rd, the NAACP Youth & College Division will participate in the "United We Stand" rally to call attention to the injustice that has plagued NFL player, Colin Kaepernick, since he spoke out against the mistreatment of minorities in this country.

The NAACP's presence at the rally will be to emphasize the issue about which Mr. Kaepernick chose to peacefully protest: **the persistent police brutality against black and brown bodies, and the need for criminal justice reform in the country.**

"I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color," Kaepernick told NFL Media last summer. "To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Whether you are an athlete, artist, banker, student, or CEO, it is an American right to speak out against an unjust system. Just as we stand for voting rights, law enforcement reform, quality education, and accessible health care, we must stand with those who use their platform to advocate for social justice and equality. While we are not calling for or supporting any boycott, please know that we have and will continue to engage the NFL Players Association and NFL leadership to support players who speak out.

Anthony Davis, Youth & College Division Coordinator, and young people from college chapters and youth councils across the region and country will represent the NAACP. The rally, which has garnered inter/national attention from ESPN, CBS, Fox, Sports Illustrated, NY Post, Newsweek and others will take place at the NFL Headquarters, 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY at 5:00 p.m.

Please use this email as guidance for any media inquiries you receive regarding our stance and participation. And, for those who wish to take part in the rally, we ask that you meet at 45 E 51st ST New York, NY 10022 at 4:30 p.m. Our team will be on site to hand out t-shirts and signs to be used at the rally. For more information, reach out to Anthony Davis at adavis@naacpnet.org or call 410-580-5123.

Yours in Solidarity,

Derrick Johnson; Interim President and CEO, NAACP

From: Sybil Edwards-McNabb; Ohio Conference NAACP President

Subject: Reminder of the Ohio Conference NAACP State Convention, September 8th - 9th, 2017

Dear Ohio Conference Membership,

It is with intense excitement that we announce the **87th Annual State Convention**, September 8th - 9th in Columbus, Ohio. The Theme: **"Steadfast and Unmovable"** is so poignant for this year. Many of you are aware that this will be the final convention that I will preside over as State Conference President. It has been both an honor and privilege to serve for these many years as your President.

The NAACP represents and means so very much to me and I could not have selected a finer group of people to work alongside this past decade. I miss those who have gone before me and fought the good fight; they were truly Steadfast in their efforts. To all of you across the great state of Ohio, I simply say "Thank You".

I encourage you to attend the **87th Annual Convention of the Ohio Conference NAACP** as we fight against injustice and create a future of justice, liberty, and equality for all. **We must affirm that we shall be "Steadfast and Unmovable!"**

Please review the registration package, because of the time element, we ask that you RSVP your attendance via e-mail. You may bring pay for our registration and tickets onsite. If additional information is required, contact us at **(614) 840-0134** or via email to **ohnaacpst@sbcglobal.net**.

I leave you with this scripture from 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, since you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The Struggle Continues...

We invite you to join us in Columbus, Ohio for the **87th Annual Convention of the Ohio Conference NAACP**.

This year we are embracing the National Theme, Steadfast, and Immovable as we

face a pivotal time for our country and Association. "These are changing times, and today, we find ourselves in a new period of turmoil as a nation. We are facing a budget that threatens to gut critical funding for education, a rollback in Civil Rights enforcement and in health care reform that will take affordable care away from 23 million Americans, all while we witness unprecedented efforts to suppress the votes of black and brown people, young people and progressives who would work to see this nation become more inclusive and just," Leon W. Russell, chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors

"Our theme for 2017 reminds us that as an organization, our intent is to fulfill the vision and mission of our founders, and we will leave Baltimore united and committed to making our nation a better place for all," said Derrick Johnson, vice-chair of the Board of Directors.

The two-day conference will feature workshops, exhibits and panel discussions, with inspiring keynote addresses from key NAACP leadership, civil rights and faith leaders, media, youth and political influencers.

Other highlights include our bi-annual election and our Freedom Celebration.

From: Raynard Jackson

Subject: SAVE THE DATE---Black Americans for a Better Future 2017 Economic Policy Summit

Please save the dates of September 26-27 for a first of its kind event.

Our first annual Economic Policy Summit is for Black entrepreneurs who understand this simple principle: "People tend to do business with people they know!"

This forum will delve into various policy discussions with key members of the House and Senate regarding making our economic environment more conducive to small and minority businesses to flourish and thrive.

There will be opportunities to network with several of the new decision-makers who have recently come to DC; we will also have influential corporate executives in attendance to discuss private sector opportunities within their firms and industry.

This will be a very small intimate event by design. Details on the costs and speakers will be forthcoming.

From: Judy Burnette

Subject: " Why did Charlottesville carnage happen? Because we lie to ourselves " | Miami Herald

<http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/leonard-pitts-jr/article166945412.html>

From: Thomas Scott

Subject: Infant Mortality; Money, Politics and Health

Editorial: Why Sedgwick County went quiet in discussions about health

Pediatricians say Florida hurt sick kids to help big GOP donors

Full Interview: Jane Mayer on the Mercers & the Dark Money Behind the Rise of Trump & Bannon

What's Killing America's Black Infants?

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Breakfast and panel discussions with special guests to include—various members of Congress ~~in 30 minutes intervals~~

12:00-3:00p.m.

Lunch---Keynote speaker TBD (noon-1p.m.)

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Panel discussion with special guests to include vVarious members of Congress

3:00 Adjourn

Black purchasing power was over \$ 1.2 trillion in 2016. People do business with people they know. This summit will provide a platform for Republicans to discuss ideas that can be helpful to Black entrepreneurs and provide introductions to decision-makers in both government and the private sector.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Raynard Jackson at raynard@bafbf.org for further details.

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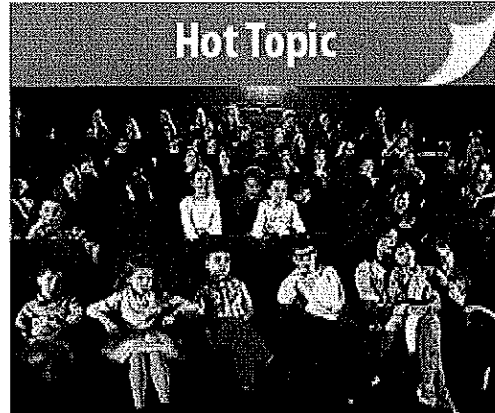


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States Watch Federal Health Care Action but Move On

Earlier this summer, state policymakers closely watched as Congress considered five measures--and adopted one--to fulfill campaign promises to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. The House adopted a bill on May 4, but the Senate failed to pass a bill. At this time, future Congressional action is uncertain.

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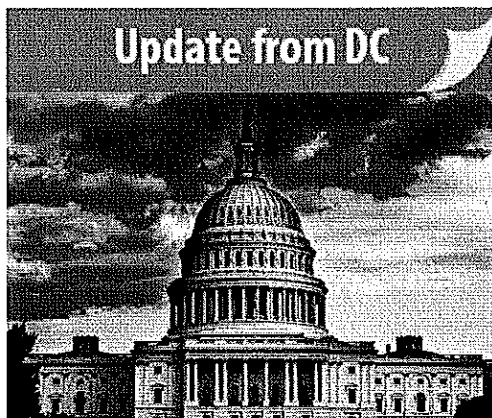
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Governors Fight for Civics

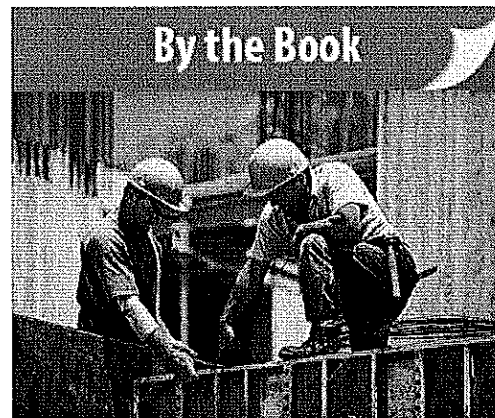
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Conversations about civic education and civic engagement have become more and more prevalent among teachers, legislators, secretaries of state, media and others. Governors have also voiced concern about the decline in civic knowledge among students and adults.

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Update from DC



By the Book

Lengthy To-Do List Awaits Congress After August Recess

As lawmakers left town to begin this monthlong recess, they left a lengthy to-do list for the fall and not much time to complete it. From the regular tasks of keeping the government funded through Sept. 30 to grander ambitions, legislators have their work cut out for them.

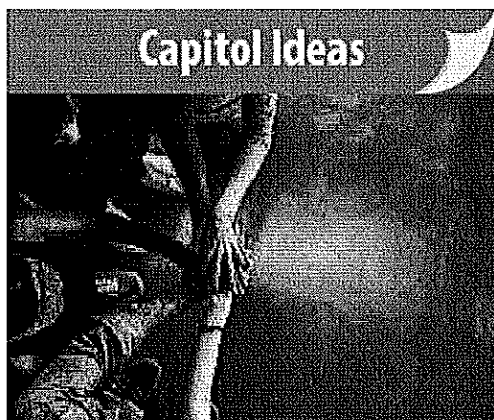
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U.S. Hits 10-year Low for Unemployed Per Job Opening

The number of unemployed persons per job opening fell to 1.13 in June 2017, a 10-year low and significantly lower than the July 2009 peak of 6.6. In other words, we are close to having a job opening for every person that is unemployed. In the Midwest, the number of unemployed persons per job opening has now dropped to less than one, the lowest of any region.

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Federal Education Policy Opens Door to Civic Engagement

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According to data released by the U.S. Census Bureau, the United States ranks 28 out of 35 member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in regard to voter turnout. Education is one of democracy's greatest tools, and investing in a strong education for every citizen is the best vanguard against the current decline in public engagement.



SLLC Files Supreme Court Amicus Brief in Voter Roll Maintenance Case

In *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute* the Supreme Court will decide whether federal law allows states and local governments to remove people from the voter rolls if the state or local government sends them a confirmation notice after they haven't voted for two years, they don't respond to the notice, and then they don't vote in the next four years.

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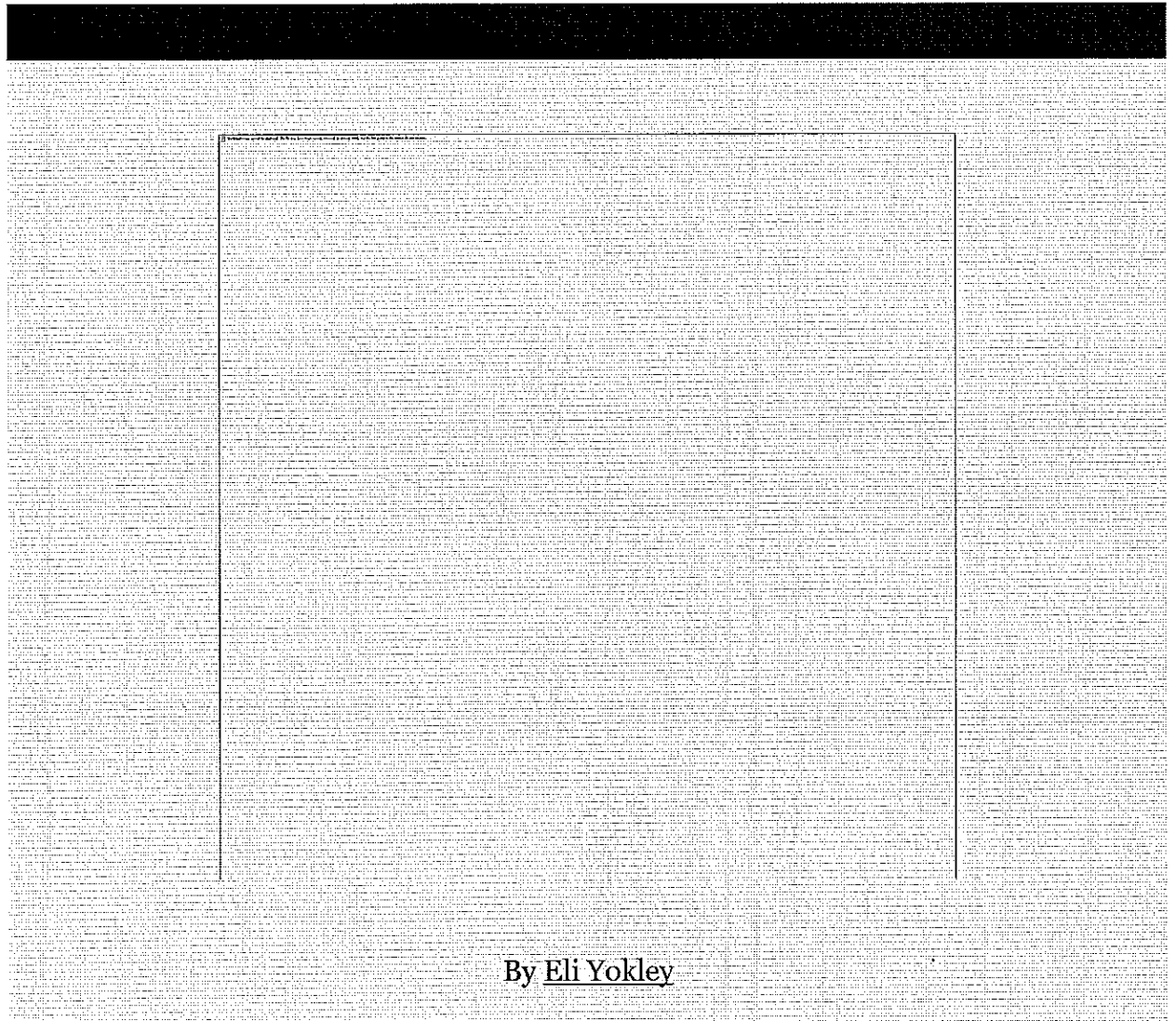
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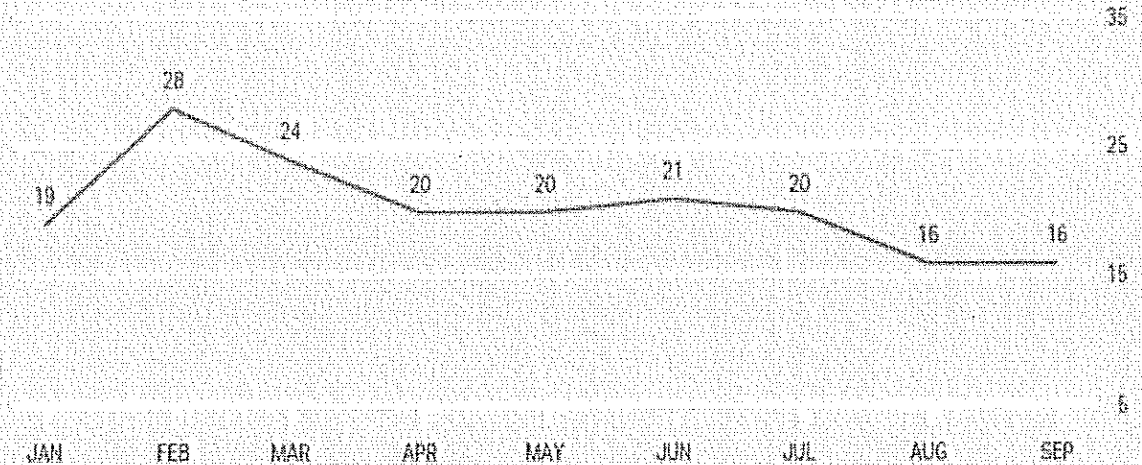
- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said they reached an agreement with President Donald Trump to replace the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. ([The New York Times](#)) Trump later said on Twitter that no such deal was made. ([CNN](#))
- Michael G. Flynn, the son of Trump's former national security adviser, is a subject of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russia's meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and possible Trump campaign ties to the Kremlin. ([NBC News](#))
- The Trump administration imposed sanctions on four countries - Cambodia, Eritrea, Guinea, and Sierra Leone - for allegedly refusing to accept citizens of theirs who have been deported from the United States. ([Fox News](#))

Chart Review

Congress Approval Remains at 16% in September Gallup

U.S. Approval of Congress Still Lowest to Date in 2017

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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

THURSDAY

Sens. Heitkamp, Whitehouse, Capito, Barrasso speak at Center for Climate and Energy Solutions 8:30 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee hearing on individual tax reform 10 a.m.

Senate HELP Committee hearing on the individual insurance market 10 a.m.

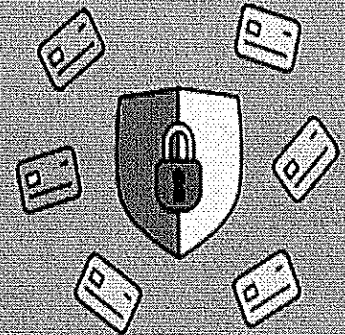
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Mike Flynn's Son Is Subject of Federal Russia Probe Carol E. Lee et al., NBC News

Michael G. Flynn, the son of President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, is a subject of the federal investigation into Russian meddling in the presidential election and possible collusion between Moscow and the Trump campaign, according to four current and former government officials. The inquiry into Flynn is focused at least in part on

his work with his father's lobbying firm, Flynn Intel Group, three of the officials said.

Flynn Promoted Nuclear-Plant Project While in White House
Christopher S. Stewart et al., The Wall Street Journal

As President Donald Trump's national security adviser, retired Lt. Gen. Mike Flynn promoted a controversial private-sector nuclear power plan in the Middle East that had once involved Russian companies, according to former security-council staffers and others familiar with the effort. While working at the White House, Mr. Flynn advocated for a group of former senior U.S. military officers with whom he had worked while in the private sector.

Mueller Probe Has 'Red-Hot' Focus on Social Media, Officials Say
Chris Strohm, Bloomberg

Russia's effort to influence U.S. voters through Facebook and other social media is a "red-hot" focus of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the 2016 election and possible links to President Donald Trump's associates, according to U.S. officials familiar with the matter. Mueller's team of prosecutors and FBI agents is zeroing in on how Russia spread fake and damaging information through social media and is seeking additional evidence from companies like Facebook and Twitter about what happened on their networks, said one of the officials, who asked not to be identified discussing the ongoing investigation.

US slaps sanctions on four nations for refusing to take deported nationals
Lukas Mikelionis, Fox News

The U.S. government has imposed sanctions on four countries that it says have refused to accept their deported citizens as part of the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the four countries - Cambodia,

Eritrea, Guinea, and Sierra Leone - are facing the sanctions for "lack of cooperation" in accepting the deported citizens. Cambodia is in Southeast Asia while the three other countries are in Africa.

Martin Shkreli Is Jailed for Seeking a Hair From Hillary Clinton

Stephanie Clifford, The New York Times

Martin Shkreli, the former pharmaceutical executive who is awaiting sentencing for a fraud conviction, was sent to jail on Wednesday after a federal judge revoked his bail because he had offered \$5,000 for a strand of Hillary Clinton's hair. Mr. Shkreli, who was free on \$5 million bail while he awaited sentencing, had made two Facebook posts offering cash to anyone who could "grab a hair" from Mrs. Clinton during her book tour.

Treasury Secretary Mnuchin requested government jet for European honeymoon

Justin Fishel et al., ABC News

Secretary Steven Mnuchin requested use of a government jet to take him and his wife on their honeymoon in Scotland, France and Italy earlier this summer, sparking an "inquiry" by the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General, sources tell ABC News. Officials familiar with the matter say the highly unusual ask for a U.S. Air Force jet, which according to an Air Force spokesman could cost roughly \$25,000 per hour to operate, was put in writing by the secretary's office but eventually deemed unnecessary after further consideration of by Treasury Department officials.

Presidential

Pelosi and Schumer Say They Have Deal With Trump to Replace DACA

Maggie Haberman and Yamiche Alcindor, The New York Times

Democratic leaders on Wednesday night declared that they had a deal with President Trump to quickly extend protections for young undocumented immigrants and to finalize a border security package that does not include the president's proposed wall. The Democrats, Senator Chuck Schumer and Representative Nancy Pelosi, said in a joint statement that they had a "very productive" dinner meeting with the president at the White House that focused on the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA.

Trump pushes back on Dems' claims of DACA deal
Sophie Tatum and Daniella Diaz, CNN

President Donald Trump pushed back Thursday morning against claims by top congressional Democrats that a deal has been reached over legislation to protect hundreds of thousands of young undocumented immigrants and that a border-security package would not include a wall along the US-Mexico border. "No deal was made last night on DACA," Trump tweeted.

White House: ESPN should fire Jemele Hill over Trump 'white supremacist' tweet
Marissa Payne and Des Bieler, The Washington Post

A tweet posted by ESPN "SportsCenter" host Jemele Hill labeling President Trump a "white supremacist" continued to make waves on Wednesday after a Washington Post reporter asked about it during the press secretary's news conference. Later on Wednesday, Hill expressed "regret" for the way her comments "painted ESPN in an unfair light."

'I will not be distracted by the noise'
Courtney Weaver, Financial Times

Ivanka Trump is one of the most powerful first children in US history. Courtney Weaver talks to her about expectations, criticism and what comes next.

Senate

Senate Keeps War-Authorization Resolutions Dating Back to Early 2000s

Kristina Peterson and Ben Kesling, The Wall Street Journal

The Senate voted Wednesday to retain two resolutions authorizing the use of military force that date back to the early 2000s, even while lawmakers from both parties complained that Congress has avoided reopening debate on U.S. military commitments overseas. In a 61-36 vote, the Senate set aside an amendment from Sen. Rand Paul (R., Ky.) that would have phased out both the 2001 authorization for the use of military force against al Qaeda and those connected to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, as well as the 2002 resolution that gave former President George W. Bush authority to invade Iraq.

Cruz Pushes Dodd-Frank Repeal as Key Tax Reform Plank **Anna Gronewold, Morning Consult**

As the White House courts Senate Democrats as it tries to pick up additional support for the Republican tax reform effort, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) is risking alienating his colleagues across the aisle by promoting a repeal of the Dodd-Frank Act through the fast-track reconciliation process. At a Tax Foundation panel Wednesday, Cruz laid out goals for what he said was meaningful GOP tax reform.

Senator wants Google, Facebook to testify on sex-trafficking bill

David McCabe, Axios

A Republican senator wants Google and Facebook to publicly defend their opposition, articulated through one of their top trade groups, to a bill aimed at stopping sex-trafficking. The companies say it would imperil them legally.

As G.O.P. Moves to Fill Courts, McConnell Takes Aim at an Enduring Hurdle
Carl Hulse, The New York Times

President Trump is eager to put his conservative imprint on the federal judiciary, but an impediment remains. Though the Senate has virtually eliminated the ability of the minority party to block appointments to the bench from the Supreme Court on down, individual senators can still thwart nominees from their home states by refusing to sign off on a form popularly known for its color - the blue slip.

Roy Moore-connected foundation's back pay to Senate candidate, second mortgage raise questions
Howard Koplowitz, AL.com

As the Foundation for Moral Law fought - unsuccessfully - a lawsuit against it by a firm that helped the nonprofit raise money, the organization with ties to U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore took out a second mortgage on its Montgomery building to pay Moore years of back pay, federal court filings and Montgomery County probate records showed. Meanwhile, it remains unclear years later who paid the \$465,000 judgement against the foundation because the organization has not filed its taxes since 2014 and didn't report the payment in its most recently filed tax returns.

House

Moderate Republicans quietly form working group to craft immigration plan

Seung Min Kim and Rachael Bade, Politico

Moderate House Republicans angling for a legislative fix to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program have quietly created an informal working group to try and craft an immigration plan that could pass Congress, according to GOP sources. The lawmakers have met off and on for months.

Meadows: Freedom Caucus 'Asked' to Develop Conservative Solution to DACA

Lindsey McPherson, Roll Call

House Freedom Caucus Chairman Mark Meadows told reporters Tuesday a Trump administration official asked his caucus to put together a conservative immigration plan that would provide a legislative solution to replace to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program." Administration officials don't want to be caught flat footed with no proposals," the North Carolina Republican said.

McCarthy backs Trump's call for Senate to ditch the filibuster

Deirdre Walsh and Ted Barrett, CNN

The number two House Republican leader made a fresh push Wednesday for Senate Republicans to change rules to make it easier to break filibusters of spending bills, echoing a similar call from President Donald Trump for the Senate to set aside long-held precedent that requires at least 60 votes for major legislation to pass. Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy boasted that the House was on the verge of passing all 12 annual appropriations measures, something that hasn't happened since 2004.

States

Eight Dead at Florida Nursing Home Left Without Air Conditioning in Wake of Irma

Scott Calvert et al., The Wall Street Journal

Eight nursing home patients died here Wednesday amid sweltering conditions after Hurricane Irma knocked out the air conditioning, and more than 150 others had to be evacuated. The events prompted Florida Gov. Rick Scott to order a state health agency to issue an immediate moratorium preventing the facility from admitting new patients.

Arizona Supreme Court to consider legality of Medicaid expansion

Ken Alltucker, The Arizona Republic

Three dozen current and former state lawmakers challenging the way Arizona funds the state's Medicaid expansion will argue their case before the Arizona Supreme Court. The state high court this week agreed to hear the Republican lawmakers' challenge to the state's Medicaid expansion, which extended insurance coverage to more than 400,000 low-income Arizonans.

California lawmakers OK free year of community college for all; bill goes to governor

Melody Gutierrez, San Francisco Chronicle

California would pick up the first year of community college for virtually all full-time freshmen under a bill passed by the state Legislature on Wednesday and headed to Gov. Jerry Brown. AB19 by Assemblymen Miguel Santiago, D-Los Angeles; David Chiu, D-San Francisco; and Kevin McCarty, D-Sacramento, would waive the \$46-per-unit fee for full-time students in California entering their first year of community college.

When it comes to voter registration, Republicans are no longer in NC's top 2

Colin Campbell, The News and Observer

Unaffiliated voters now make up the second-largest group of voter registrations in North Carolina, with more registrations in that category than registered Republicans. The shift has been happening gradually, but unaffiliated registrations passed Republican registrations sometime between Sept. 2 and Sept. 9, according to data released by the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement.

Missouri state senator who hoped for Trump assassination censured by her colleagues

Kurt Erickson and Jack Suntrup, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to censure state Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal on Wednesday afternoon. The censure amounts to a formal scolding from the body.

Advocacy

Trump ethics watchdog moves to allow anonymous gifts to legal defense funds

Darren Samuelsohn, Politico

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics has quietly reversed its own internal policy prohibiting anonymous donations from lobbyists to White House staffers who have legal defense funds. The little-noticed change could help President Donald Trump's aides raise the money they need to pay attorneys as the Russia probe expands - but raises the potential for hidden conflicts of interest or other ethics trouble.

A Message from the Electronic Payments Coalition:

A majority of voters are concerned with data breaches, yet there are no national data security standards to protect consumers at checkout. It's time retailers share responsibility for data security. Learn more from the [Electronic Payments Coalition](#).

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Reclaiming America's Values

Joe Biden, The New York Times

In over 45 years of working in global affairs, I've observed a simple truth: America's ability to lead the world depends not just on the example of our power, but on the power of our example. American democracy is rooted in the belief that every man, woman and child has equal rights to freedom and dignity.

The 30 Republicans Holding Up Tax Reform

Karl Rove, The Wall Street Journal

No matter how persuasive President Trump is, it's unlikely he can round up enough Democrats to get 60 votes in the Senate for tax reform. That means Republicans will need to use the Senate's reconciliation process, which avoids the filibuster, to pass their plan with 51 votes.

Escaping the Tax-Reform Budget Trap

The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal

Republicans know that their hold on Congress depends on passing tax reform, but what we hear about the debate behind the scenes is worrisome. The danger is that, as with health care, the GOP will hold

themselves hostage to a budget process that is hostile to pro-growth tax policy.

How the Bernie Sanders Plan Would Both Beef Up and Slim Down Medicare

Margot Sanger-Katz, The New York Times

In his big new single-payer health care bill, Senator Bernie Sanders says he wants to turn the country's health system into "Medicare for all." But his bill actually outlines a system very different from the current Medicare program.

The Justice Department goes out of its way to side against a gay couple

Editorial Board, The Washington Post

Should a Colorado baker have the right to turn away a gay couple seeking a custom wedding cake if he disapproves of their upcoming marriage? According to the Justice Department, the answer is yes.

A Message from the Electronic Payments Coalition:

Four times as many voters trust financial institutions over retailers to create new, more secure ways to pay, which is just one reason why the payments industry is focused on innovation. Banks and credit unions are continuously working to provide consumers with the latest security features when they pay. Get the latest from [EPC](#).

Research Reports and Polling

Why Competition in The Politics Industry Is Failing America **Katherine M. Gehl and Michael E. Porter, Harvard Business School**

Harvard Business School (HBS) launched the U.S. Competitiveness Project in 2011 as a multiyear, fact-based effort to understand the disappointing performance of the American economy, its causes, and the steps needed by business and government to restore economic growth and prosperity that is widely shared across all Americans. The Project identified a consensus set of essential policy steps needed to do so.

Partisans Differ Widely in Views of Police Officers, College Professors **Pew Research Center**

Americans give strongly positive ratings to teachers and members of the military, while ratings of political and ideological groups - Democrats, Republicans, liberals and conservatives - are much less positive, and more starkly divided along partisan lines. Yet wide partisan and ideological divides are also seen in views of some professions.



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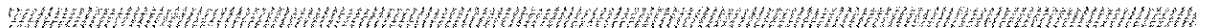
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Districts, Schools Earn Better Grades On Latest State Report Cards

School districts received improved grades on the latest state report cards released Thursday.

After two years of declining scores that many attributed to changes in state tests, districts and schools saw overall increases over last year in each of the report card's six graded components, according to a Department of Education analysis.

Average Performance Index, which measures student achievement on state tests, increased 2.46 points to 84.1 out of a possible 120. The agency said that's the third largest increase in the history of the measure.

Results show students scored better on average in 2017 on all tests except for sixth grade math and high school history. Proficiency dropped in those subjects from 62.4% to 61.6% and from 76.4% to 74.5%, respectively.

"Having set high expectations for what our students must know and be able to do, our children and schools are stepping up to the challenge," Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria said in a statement. "We're seeing increases in achievement across the state. I continue to be impressed with the dedication of Ohio's educators and our students' desire to learn more and more."

Aaron Churchill, Ohio research director for the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, also praised the improvement shown in this year's school and district report cards.

"Annual assessment of what students know and can do remains key to a healthy school system," he said. "This year's data are promising and indicate that an increasing number of students are rising to the challenge and meeting Ohio's higher achievement standards."

The report cards, which remain largely unchanged since last year, grade schools and districts on progress, achievement, gap closing, graduation rate, K-3 literacy and whether students are prepared for success after high school. Report cards showed overall improvement in all components.

However, Superintendent DeMaria has said report cards don't always tell the whole story of what's happening in schools. For that reason, ODE for the first time this year gave districts the opportunity to include on their report cards links to webpages that detail non-assessment-related successes. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 7, 2017)

"In a highly competitive, quickly changing, global economy where employers' expectations are higher than ever, our students must be equipped with the knowledge and skills that will make them lifelong learners. With that in mind, there are many ways that parents and communities gauge the success and improvement of their schools and districts - the annual report card is one of them," he said.

Likewise, Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) said she strives to make it clear that report cards aren't the "be-all and end-all" of school performance.

"There are lots of factors that go into school performance," she said in an interview. "What the teacher's doing, the school's doing, who the students are, where they're coming from have a great bearing on the results of the report card."

Depending on further analysis of the report card results, they could be used to inform the Joint Education Oversight Committee, it's chairman Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima) said.

"I think we'll kind of let people digest it a little bit to see whether there are some things that would be really informative in it or trends that really are positive or concerning that we ought to look at," he said. "If we can find something in there that's pertinent, we'll try to pull it in some way."

The State Board of Education is expected to dissect the results at its monthly meeting, which was pushed back to Sept. 18-19 to accommodate the release of report cards.

In addition to district and individual school report cards, ODE on Thursday also published to its website report cards for career technical, dropout recovery and community schools.

Following the trend of traditional schools, the state's 276 charter schools received mostly Fs for indicators met, which is a measure of student performance on state exams. Their grades in other areas were mixed.

Meanwhile, career technical schools saw improvement in post-program outcomes and graduation rates, but much fewer students were deemed prepared for success. On the latter component, 35.1% of schools received an F compared to 11% last year. No career technical schools received better than a C in the Prepared for Success category.

More dropout recovery and prevention schools, which are rated differently than other schools in the state, met standards than last year with 59.3% meeting, 9.3% exceeding and 31.4% not meeting standards.

High Court Reaffirms December BWC Ruling, Clarifies Apology Statute

The Ohio Supreme Court released several decisions this week, including one Thursday that reaffirms a December ruling on workers' compensation benefits.

In a 6-1 decision, the high court found that state law does not permit an award of permanent-partial-disability compensation to an injured worker who has previously been awarded permanent-total-disability compensation for the same claim.

"The General Assembly expressly authorized permanent-total-disability compensation to be paid concurrently with other benefits only in the limited circumstances outlined in R.C. 4123.58(E). Had the legislature intended to allow an injured worker receiving permanent-total-disability compensation under R.C. 4123.58 to also receive in the same claim concurrent permanent-partial-disability compensation pursuant to R.C. 4123.57(A), it could easily have included that language in the statutes," Justice Sharon Kennedy wrote for the majority.

The case stems from a 2003 workplace injury sustained by Sherry Redwine, who asked the court to reconsider its December decision, the court's media arm reported.

In a 5-2 decision released in December, the court reached the same conclusion. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 9, 2016)

Justice Bill O'Neill dissented without an opinion in the most recent case.

In December, he joined a dissent authored by former Justice Paul Pfeifer in which he wrote "the General Assembly could easily amend the statutory scheme."

In another workers' compensation case, the court rescinded an enhanced award for a violation of a safety requirement and sent the case back to the Industrial Commission.

The case centers on a head injury sustained by Robert Albu at an auto-parts factory. A hearing officer cited a design defect in a machine in siding with Mr. Albu.

However, the high court noted that the design defect was not raised by Mr. Albu.

"Camaco should not be expected to have anticipated that the hearing officer would rely upon a theory not advanced by either party. An award for the failure of a safety measure 'cannot be sustained without evidence of a prior malfunction or employer awareness thereof,'" Justice Patrick DeWine wrote for the majority.

He was joined in his opinion by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, Justice Judith French and Justice Patrick Fischer. Justice Kennedy and Justice Terrence O'Donnell concurred in part and dissented in part.

Justice O'Neill dissented, writing, "It is clear from the record that Camaco knew about the concerns regarding the latent defect before the hearing but did not raise the defense until it filed its mandamus action in the court of appeals."

Apology Statute: Apologies that express fault or admissions of liability cannot be used by a patient or their family in a civil lawsuit against a health care provider, the high court ruled.

The case stems from the 2010 death of Michelle Stewart at Mercy Hospital Clermont, according to the court.

Ms. Stewart was transferred to the hospital after a suicide attempt. Dr. Rodney E. Vivian ordered her to be observed every 15 minutes.

Despite the order, she hanged herself and was transferred to the intensive care unit, where Dr. Vivian attempted to talk to her family while she was on life support.

Following her death, Ms. Stewart's husband sued both the hospital and the doctor. The hospital settled the case. At the trial court level, Dr. Vivian sought to have his statements made during the ICU visit excluded.

The court concluded the statements were inadmissible, and the jury sided with the doctor.

The Twelfth District Court of Appeals agreed with the decision to suppress the statements, creating a split at the appellate level and leading the case to the high court.

"We hold that R.C. 2317.43(A) is unambiguous," Justice Kennedy wrote for the court. "Applying the plain and ordinary meaning of the term 'apology,' for purposes of R.C. 2317.43(A), a 'statement expressing apology' is a statement that expresses a feeling of regret for an unanticipated outcome of the patient's medical care and may include an acknowledgment that the patient's medical care fell below the standard of care."

She was joined in her decision by Justice O'Donnell, Justice French, Justice Fischer and Justice DeWine.

Chief Justice O'Connor concurred in part and dissented in part. She was joined in her opinion by Justice O'Neill.

"Dr. Vivian's statements were not an apology nor did they express regret or a type of shared sadness associated with sympathy or commiseration," she wrote. "Dr. Vivian's recitation of Michelle's prior statements certainly does not fall within the statute. 'What do you think happened here?' is a question, not an expression of Dr. Vivian's regret or sympathy. Dr. Vivian's statement that he 'didn't know how it happened' similarly is not an apology."

Task Force Focuses On Link Between Pre-School, Future Academic Outcomes

With only a few meetings left, priorities for a task force exploring the link between education and poverty include early childhood education and wrap-around services.

Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima), chairman of the Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty, asked members Thursday to weigh in on the topics they'd like to explore in upcoming meetings.

It's likely the committee will eventually hear from Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria, the former superintendent of the Oyster School in Cincinnati and school funding analyst Howard Fleeter, he said.

For his part, Rep. Cupp said it'd be beneficial to dig into social-emotional learning policies, wraparound services, mentoring programs, and early childhood education before the panel begins working on a report and recommendations later this fall.

"We want to shift to taking a closer look at some of these things that have been raised as potentially effective," he said.

Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) said she'd like to examine how best to maintain momentum for policy changes that must endure in order to show outcomes.

"How do we move from the theory and the data to policy and really getting the buy in of the whole (legislature) and keeping it and not changing it in the next General Assembly or cutting it in the next General Assembly?" she said. "Really moving it so that it has time to show outcomes and become an example. I think that's worth our investigation."

On Thursday, the committee continued to hear about how poverty can impact academic performance and future success.

Matt Weyer, a senior policy specialist for the National Conference of State Legislators, said there's a large body of research that indicates low-income students who attend high-quality pre-schools are less likely to enter kindergarten significantly behind high-income students.

"No kid is going into preschool and coming out super far behind," he said.

He detailed laws that have been enacted or proposed in other states in an effort to remedy some of the issues faced by low-income students.

Because not all students have equal access to high-quality pre-school, kindergarten teachers often have to teach to the least prepared students and provide redundant information to others, he said. Some states have looked to implement universal pre-school, but haven't fared well when the implementation was lacking.

Some trends among states to improve academic outcomes include an increased focus on third-grade reading proficiency, expanded English learner education, and prohibiting suspension and expulsion in early grades.

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), who sat in on the task force meeting, said she plans to introduce legislation on the latter.

The task force's goal is to determine what efforts would be most effective to move the academic achievement needle forward, Rep. Cupp said. He asked whether NSCL has found in its research which efforts are most likely to deliver results.

Regardless of the rigorousness of the pre-school, Mr. Weyer said studies have found "that a well-implemented curriculum, coaching for teachers and actively but orderly classrooms...are the three things that were parallels throughout all the research connected to high outcomes."

Sen. Lehner said the state has already made significant investments to identify and expand programs that work. She questioned if some states have considered basing funding on effective programming instead of student counts.

"If we're not willing to spend additional money on education, are there any states that are saying you shall spend it on these programs that actually work?" she asked.

"I question whether we should continue funding things in the traditional way; if that's something we shouldn't be looking at as legislature," she continued.

Some task force members who work in schools said programs are only effective if students are able to learn. They expressed an interest in delving into connections that can be made between education and health and human services at future meetings.

Lawmaker Unveils 'Sensible Compromise' Bill On Wind Turbine Setbacks

Sen. Cliff Hite on Thursday announced a bill to loosen wind setback requirements and predicted a "groundswell" of support from House Republicans who earlier this year sidelined his budget proposal on the issue.

The Findlay Republican made the announcement at the Hog Creek Wind Farm site in Dunkirk alongside local business leaders, saying the bill (SB 188) will strengthen Ohio businesses and land more revenue in the coffers of local governments and schools.

"It just moves it a little bit into what some people wanted who were against these projects - more safety room - but it doesn't hinder people who want to do these projects," Sen. Hite said. "So it was a really nice compromise."



Sen. Hite

The lawmaker from the wind-rich 1st Senate District has long pushed for walking back 2014 legislation that critics contend stalled wind farm development. His most recent

effort - the budget amendment - was nixed by House Republicans in the closing days of budget talks. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 3, 2017)

The sponsor said 14 Republican senators have already signed onto the legislation as cosponsors and that he's making progress enlisting support from the House. He predicted a continued "groundswell of support" from House Republicans and said the Democratic Party shouldn't have a monopoly on pro-renewable energy views. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 29, 2017)

"What astonishes me is why one political party - and not mine - seems to have a corner market on these types of projects," he said. "I think this is a Republican idea. I think this is a conservative idea."

The bill would increase the setback to a minimum of one and two-tenths times the total height of the turbine compared to the currently required one and one-tenth requirement. But it would decrease overall setbacks by requiring a distance of at least 1,225 feet in horizontal distance from the exterior - rather than the property line as under current law - of the nearest, habitable residential structure.

The bill also seeks to strengthen public notification requirements, according to the latest draft language provided by Sen. Hite's office. In doing so it would require developers to hold a public meeting no later than 90 days before filing an application and provide notice through publication in newspapers and through a letter to each property owner and tenant residing on property abutting the proposed wind farm.

In addition to spurring wind farm development, Sen. Hite said the bill would open up new markets to Ohio-based wind turbine manufacturers.

"Ohio leads the United States in wind turbine manufacturing companies and entities. They're doing well selling their stuff all over the country except here," Sen. Hite said. "I want Ohio people doing Ohio projects and this is a chance."

Wind energy advocates, who have backed Sen. Hite's previous efforts, applauded the announcement.

"It's high time we fix this issue once and for all and reopen Ohio's doors to wind energy companies that are eager to invest in the Buckeye state," said David Miller, spokesman for the Ohio Environmental Council. "Without a fix, Ohio will continue to fall further and further behind in the clean energy era."

And James Ervin, chair of the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum Board, similarly signaled his support for the bill he said would make Ohio more attractive to major employers like Amazon and Facebook.

"More than 100 U.S. Fortune 500 companies have signed a pledge to be powered by 100% renewable energy by 2025," he said. "In order for Ohio to attract such companies the option must exist to build wind farms and power facilities with that energy."

Opponents, mostly individual property owners, spoke out during the budget process, labeling the turbines an eyesore and a way in which companies are seeking to profit off private land without permission. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 15, 2017)

House leaders, on the other hand, have said the budget wasn't the right venue for that conversation but that they're willing to engage in the conversation.

Sen. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood) on Aug. 31 introduced his own bill (SB 184) to rework the setback. It has been referred to the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

Alzheimer's Dementia Task Force Examines Care Options; Groups Cite Need For Support Professionals...

The role of long-term care facilities and adult day services in the care of seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia was a focus of the second meeting of a House task force examining the issue.

Testimony delivered to the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia Tuesday focused on the services available for patients in assisted living, nursing facilities and other centers, and the issues those entities face in providing sufficient care.

The Ohio Assisted Living Association said some services are available in assisted living that can't be met in home and community settings.

The OALA recommended creating a new tier in the assisted living waiver for residents with increased needs. Not doing so will cost taxpayers by limiting access to care in assisted living, OALA President Jean Thompson said in prepared testimony.

The group also suggested allowing shared living under the waiver or raising the room and board rate, in addition to creating a dementia care respite reimbursement rate in the AL waiver.

"While we are aware that nationally and in Ohio, the majority of dementia care is provided by unpaid family caregivers, given the growing numbers of individuals that will need this care, with fewer family caregivers available in the future, there will always be - and perhaps increasingly so - individuals without this support available," Ms. Thompson said. "It is wise for us to look for many ways to meet this challenging issue in as cost effective a way as possible."

State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Beverly Laubert said there are opportunities for the state to work to improve the quality of care in long-term facilities.

She recommended the task force collect research conducted in Ohio to better apply evidence-based research as it develops, determine how quality improvement projects required for nursing home licensure can be applied to residential care facilities and

home care agencies, and collect data on what nursing homes engage in which quality projects to identify successful practices.

Lance Detrick, president and CEO of Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, said his organization has provided senior adult day services since 2002. Nearly 80% of participants in the services have some form of dementia, and the day services allow them to delay nursing home placement and give caregivers support to carry out their daily routines, he said.

"With the increasing number of older adults and individuals with disabilities, the financial, social and personal cost for care of these individuals will continue to grow," he said. "However, adult day services are substantially more cost effective than a nursing home. Therefore, we believe the investment in promoting the active growth of senior adult day cares throughout the state is well worth the investment in terms of quality of life and fiscal responsibility."

Direct Support Professionals: The Ohio Provider Resource Association and the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council called attention to the lack of direct care professionals in the state this week as they recognized Direct Support Professionals Week.

The groups said about 20% of the DSP positions in the state are unfilled and demand is expected to increase by 35% by 2018. The groups are planning to launch a statewide recruitment effort to connect potential employees with job opportunities.

"DSPs are the backbone of the efforts to provide inclusive, independent living opportunities for people with disabilities," said Mark Davis, president and CEO of OPRA. "It is important to recognize the value that DSPs bring to individuals with disabilities and their families, and also ensure that they are provided with the resources to succeed in their profession."

Medical Marijuana Resource: The Health Policy Institute of Ohio released a page of resources devoted to the state's medical marijuana program. The resource includes state and federal legal issues.

"The information and resources contained in the resource page are intended to help interested policymakers and other stakeholders understand the current state of the law in Ohio and at the federal level, and the ongoing policy and health implications of the legalization of medical marijuana," the institute said.

Members Named To Ad Hoc House Energy Panel

Rep. Bill Seitz on Thursday named members to a House task force charged with to studying energy issues in the coming months.

Four lawmakers and representatives from a dozen interested parties ranging from utilities to consumer groups will form the Speaker's Task Force on Energy Policy, which will hold its inaugural meeting 1 p.m. Oct. 4 on the Riffe Center's 31st floor.

The appointments finalize the roster for the final of five task forces created by House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) earlier this year to explore priority subject areas. Four of the five task forces - those covering education, Alzheimer's, military affairs and opioids - have already begun meeting. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 14, 2017)

Lawmakers serving on the task force - in addition to Chairman Seitz (R-Cincinnati) - include Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo), Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire), Rep. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville), and Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford).

Other members include:

- Shawn Bennett, executive vice president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association.
- Nate Filler, government affairs director for Dayton Power & Light.
- John Keaton of Duke Energy.
- Mike Kurtz, counsel for the Ohio Energy Group.
- Shawn Nelson, lobbyist for the Retail Energy Supply Association.
- Terrence O'Donnell, of Advanced Energy Economy.
- Ty Pine, director of state affairs for FirstEnergy.
- Sam Randazzo, counsel for Industrial Energy Users-Ohio.
- Todd Snitchler, of the Alliance for Energy Choice.
- Sarah Spence, director of government affairs for the Ohio Environmental Council.
- Jimmy Stewart, president of the Ohio Gas Association.
- Chrisy Bowen Wright, state government affairs director for American Electric Power.

"Through the diverse selection of participants, Chairman Seitz ensured that the wide range of issues that Ohio faces when it comes to energy and public utilities were represented in the membership of the Speaker's Energy Task Force," according to the announcement.

The task force forms at a time when several controversial energy-related bills are pending in either chamber, including proposals to render renewable energy standards unenforceable goals (HB 114); subsidize both nuclear plants (SB 128 & HB 178) and costs for Ohio Valley Electric Corporation owners (SB 155 & HB 239); regulate submetering (HB 249 & SB 157); and reduce wind setbacks.

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) on Wednesday said he was pleased overall with the task forces' work so far. The groups were originally expected to begin meeting last spring but were delayed due to budget negotiations. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 11, 2017)

"They're going out and getting valuable information and they'll be able to bring it back and help us process bills that I think will help a lot of Ohioans," he said.

Company Announces It Will Develop High Speed Connection Between Chicago, Columbus, Pittsburgh

Columbus is one step closer to being about a half-an hour trip away from Chicago and Pittsburgh - theoretically.

Hyperloop One on Thursday announced a Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission project is one of the 10 winners in a competition related to the development of "Hyperloops."

The proposed mode of transportation is a low-pressure tube above ground or in a tunnel that is capable of transporting passengers and cargo via pod at speeds of up to 700 miles per hour.

MORPC's plan for a Midwest Connect system would travel between Chicago, Columbus and Pittsburgh, with stops along the way.

"We are excited to work closely with Hyperloop One to explore this project's development and impact on Central Ohio and the Midwest," MORPC Executive Director William Murdock said in a statement. "Our Midwest Connect proposal fulfills a need for faster surface transportation options in the Midwest and strengthens connections and economic opportunities between the growing, tech-savvy regions of Columbus and Pittsburgh with the global power of Chicago."

The plan was originally one of 2,600 that were submitted to the startup company and among 34 others throughout the world that made it to the latest phase of the competition.

Hyperloop One hasn't said how much it will cost to build the Hyperloops or when they'd be ready, but will offer business and engineering resources to project leaders as they further explore their feasibility in chosen cities.

The company said it selected Midwest Connect because of the strong public/private partnerships across states that were forged in creating the plan.

MORPC said it worked with the Columbus Partnership, the City of Columbus, Ohio State University, regional planning organizations across the corridor and various other public and private entities.

The plan has also received support from the Ohio legislature and the Kasich Administration. The Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce recently advanced a resolution (SR 175) backing the proposed Hyperloop. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 6, 2017)

"Ohio has long been home to innovation and discovery that have created new industries and revolutionized the world, so we are thrilled to be selected as one of ten worldwide winners of Hyperloop One's Global Challenge," Gov. John Kasich said in a release. "Midwest Connect builds on our heritage of innovation, complements our advances in smart mobility and strengthens Ohio's position as a leader in technologies of the future."

Hyperloop One said Midwest Connect would also create a "mega region" by connecting a corridor where there is no direct freight or passenger rail connection.

"Hyperloop would transform the movement of goods and people in the Midwest, and leapfrog these communities into the next century," the company wrote in its announcement of project winners.

Other chosen projects in the U.S. would connect: Dallas to Laredo and Houston; Cheyenne to Denver and Pueblo; and Miami to Orlando. National projects would connect cities in India, the United Kingdom, Mexico and Canada.

Krebs Announces Senate Bid; Pillich Unveils Education Plan; Whaley Snags Endorsements; Sutton Touts Debate Performance...

A former state lawmaker is hoping to make a return to the General Assembly, but he'll have to get past a current member in the GOP primary.

Former Rep. Gene Krebs on Thursday announced his candidacy for the 5th Senate District, a seat currently held by term-limited Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City).

"I will be your voice for change, and the forces of status quo will oppose my efforts to reform Ohio. I need your help to achieve deep meaningful change in how we govern ourselves, and I will stand tall for reforms," he said.

"The 5th Senate seat represents a diverse portion of Ohio. It has vast areas of highly productive farmland. It has quaint small town and village downtowns that can and could bring more economic development. Dayton is the economic engine of much of the region, and faces a unique series of issues."

Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) announced plans to seek the seat last May. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 19, 2017)

If elected, Mr. Krebs said he plans to focus on school funding, reducing local government reliance on property taxes, cutting the cost of welfare programs and better broadband and cell phone service in rural areas of the state.

"Now you get a sense of why I am running for office; it is to reform Ohio. You have read just some of my policy suggestions. I have a legion of opponents out there who like things just the way they are; I can only win with your support," he said. "This will be a tough race, the district has only recently been held by Republicans, and will be targeted by the opposition. The status quo will be gunning for me."

Mr. Krebs served in the House from 1993 to 2000. Following that, he had a four-year stint on the Preble County Board of Commissioners before most recently serving as chair of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel Governing Board.

The district encompasses all of Preble and Miami counties, along with portions of Darke and Montgomery counties.

Education Plan: One of the four candidates in the Democratic gubernatorial primary has released a plan for debt-free college and universal pre-K.

Former Rep. Connie Pillich's plan, dubbed the "Education Stimulus Package," calls for an equitable K-12 funding formula, investments in STEM programs, a crackdown on charter schools and a reduction in standardized tests.

The proposal would also grant families with less than \$100,000 in income annually a ten-year deferred loan covering the cost of public university tuition. After 10 years, the graduate's loan would be forgiven if he or she is still living and working in Ohio.

The plan would also provide a \$1,000 tax credit for businesses that hire union-trained apprentices.

"I'm proud to unveil my 'Education Stimulus Package' that calls for Ohio to rebuild our public schools, support our students and teachers, and make higher education and job training available to every Ohioan," Ms. Pillich said.

"This transformative investment in our education system would make Ohio's education system the best in the nation - making Ohio the go-to state to get an education and find a job. This plan is not just a blueprint for economic growth, it's a testament to the values and vision I will fight for on the campaign trail and as Ohio's next governor."

Whaley Endorsements: Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley has earned the support of two Stark County politicians in her gubernatorial bid.

Jackson Township Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez and Stark County Clerk of Courts Louis P. Giavasis have endorsed her candidacy.

"I'm endorsing Nan Whaley because Ohio needs a governor who understands the challenges and opportunities of our local communities," Mr. Gonzalez said. "We need a fresh face with bright, bold new ideas who will get things done for Stark County and Ohio. And that's Nan."

Added Mr. Giavasis: "As a mayor, Nan Whaley understands our communities, and she understands boots-on-the-ground government. Nan will be a governor who helps local communities in Stark County and all across Ohio. We don't need another politician from Columbus or Washington D.C., Ohio needs Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley as our next governor."

Debate Performance: The Democratic gubernatorial candidates squared off in their first debate earlier this week in Martins Ferry, and former U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton's campaign declared her the winner, saying she "distinguished herself and continued to build momentum after shining in the first gubernatorial Democratic primary debate"

"I have a record of winning tough fights. I helped the auto industry in the depths of the great recession, and created Cash for Clunkers - which proved to be an essential lifeline for an industry that kept plants open, the supply chain running, and well-paid workers working - 60,000 of them, many right here in Ohio. And the economies of our state and our communities benefited," Ms. Sutton said.

Enviros Disappointed: The Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund expressed disappointment in the debate, citing the lack of discussion about the health of the state's waterways.

"During tonight's Democratic gubernatorial debate in Martins Ferry, I was disappointed by the lack of a discussion on the health of Ohio's waterways, including the Ohio River. With the drinking water of millions of Ohioans hanging in the balance, water health is one of the most important issues facing our state, and should be addressed by the candidates," Director Aryeh Alex said.

"A robust discussion of the problem and potential solutions is necessary to ensure the safety of our water for all Ohioans. I hope to see these critical issues discussed in future gubernatorial debates on both sides of the aisle."

Redistricting Debate: The OEC also weighed in on movement in the Statehouse to potentially change the way congressional districts are drawn. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 13, 2017)

"We are glad the Ohio House and Senate leadership view our congressional redistricting process as something that needs to be fixed, and we hope to participate in that discussion. However, we are going to keep up the necessary work to ensure Ohio voters will have an opportunity to vote for fair congressional districts next November,"

Executive Director Heather Taylor-Miesle said. "To that end, a coalition of good government non-profits have collected over 120,000 valid signatures in Ohio and enthusiasm among our volunteers is growing every day."

Abortion Backlash: EMILY's List has put incumbent Senate Republicans up for reelection in 2018 on notice for supporting a ban on dismemberment abortions, a 20-week abortion ban and introducing a bill to force women to choose cremation or burial after an abortion.

"Republicans in the Ohio State Senate have pushed one of the most extreme and shameful agendas to turn back the clock on women's rights and eliminate reproductive health care options," said EMILY's List Executive Director Emily Cain.

"These legislators passed an extreme 'heartbeat' bill, in addition to several pieces of legislation that would ban abortion after 20 weeks--even in cases of rape and incest. That is why EMILY's List is recruiting an historic number of strong, pro-choice Democratic women leaders in 2018 to hold these Republican legislators accountable for their out-of-touch agenda."

Agency Briefs: IG Releases ODOT, ODNR Probes; ODA; DSA; ODJFS; AG...

Inspector General Randall Meyer said this week an investigation found no evidence of political favoritism in the hiring of seasonal employees by the Department of Transportation's District 10.

The investigation stemmed from a Facebook post in March 2016 by a Marietta council member referencing six summer employment positions and indicating that preference would be given to Republicans.

The IG's investigation included interviews with ODOT employees in the hiring process and a review of more than 10,000 employee emails and more than 2,000 documents in applicant files.

"Based upon the investigation, ODOT had properly disregarded any party affiliation information prior to making hiring decisions," the IG's report said. "There is no evidence to support a preference based upon political affiliation being given for hiring transportation seasonal help at ODOT."

The IG's office also released a report of an investigation that found a law enforcement staff officer at the Department of Natural Resources improperly used state time and resources to further a private business.

The investigation found no evidence that Scott Santos was conducting his firearms training and qualification instruction business during times he was working for the state, but found he used state equipment to arrange and schedule the activity and to obtain range permits.

The report recommended the ODNR review his actions to determine if action or training is needed, and review policies regarding computer systems and secondary employment with all employees.

Agriculture: The department released the 2016 economic impact report of the Ohio Grape Industries Committee, which found the grape and wine industry has a \$1.3 billion impact on the state's economy, providing more than 8,000 full-time jobs.

The field has created 2,700 jobs since 2012, the report said. Ohio has grown from 175 wineries in 2012 to 265 in 2016, making the state the nation's sixth-largest wine producer, at 1.23 million gallons.

Ohio is also the ninth-largest grape producer at 1,500 acres.

"This report further demonstrates the growing strength of food and agriculture as Ohio's number one industry," ODA Director David Daniels said. "Ohio grape growers and wine makers are creating quality, award-winning products that rival those produced in historic wine producing areas like California and Europe. This new study is proof of their success and their impact on Ohio's economy."

Development Services Agency: The agency announced that \$200,000 in grants awarded Monday by the Controlling Board to clean up gas station sites will go to projects in Berea and Northwood.

The grants, \$100,000 each, will go toward determining contamination and completing soil remediation at 838 Front Street in Berea and 4433 Woodville Road in Northwood.

"We're helping our communities transform blighted, high traffic areas into viable sites for development," DSA Director David Goodman said in a statement.

Natural Resources: The department said early data indicate both the walleye and perch hatches in western Lake Erie were near their annual average.

Biologists conducted bottom trawling surveys at nearly 40 locations in the lake's western basin, and found 280 perch per hectare, compared to the 20-year average of 300. The walleye hatch was 21 per hectare, just below the 20-year average of 22.

Job and Family Services: The department said the ApprenticeOhio program ranks second in the nation in terms of the number of apprentices, with 19,000 earning money while they learn in more than 200 different fields.

The program includes fields such as aerospace, construction, energy, health care, manufacturing and more, and each program includes at least 2,000 hours of structured on-the-job training and 144 hours per year of technical instruction.

"Apprentices learn on the job, and when they graduate, they can earn as much as \$60,000 a year, with no student loan debt," said ODJFS Director Cynthia Dungey. "It's a win-win for job seekers and employers alike."

Attorney General: Mike DeWine announced the start of the Take Action Video Contest, in which high school students can compete to win up to \$2,500 in college scholarships by creating a video on smartphone privacy, social networking scams or creating strong passwords.

The deadline is Dec. 8, and details are on the AG's website.

"This contest is a way for students to creatively learn and educate others about important consumer protection topics while earning money for college," AG DeWine said. "I encourage high school students from across Ohio to participate."

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Monday, September 18

State Board of Education, 25 S. Front. St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19

State Board of Education, 25 S. Front. St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 21

State Fire Council, 8895 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

State Personnel Board of Review, 12th. Fl., 65 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 17

State Personnel Board of Review, 12th. Fl., 65 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

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Senate Activity for Thursday, September 14, 2017

INTRODUCED

SB 187 ■ **TAX DELINQUENCIES (Eklund, J.)** To allow municipal corporations to charge delinquent taxpayers the costs of collecting municipal income taxes regardless of whether the costs are incurred before or after a judgment is entered against the taxpayer. Am. 718.27.

SB 188 ■ **WIND TURBINE SETBACKS (Hite, C.)** To revise wind turbine setback provisions for economically significant wind farms. Am. 4906.20 and 4906.201.

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SB 189 ■ **ROAD NAMING (Tavares, C.)** To designate a portion of U.S. Route 33 in Franklin County as the "Senator John W. E. Bowen III Memorial Highway." En. 5534.54.

SB 190 ■ **VETERAN PAID LEAVE (Hoagland, F.)** To grant full-time state employees paid leave for the purpose of attending medical examinations and appointments provided through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. En. 124.1312.

SB 191 ■ **SCHOOL BREAKFAST (Schiavoni, J.)** To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools. Am. 3302.03, 3313.813, 3314.03, 3314.18, and 3326.11 and to enact section 3313.818.

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Daily Activity Planner for Friday, September 15

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation Office, 100 S. High Street, Suite 208, Hillsboro, 9:30 a.m. (Young Farmer Review Committee)

Event Planner

Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima) golf outing fundraiser, Tamarac Golf Course, 500 N. Stevick Road, Lima, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$1,000; Tee Sponsor: \$500; Foursome: \$400; Green Sponsor: \$350; Lunch Sponsor: \$250; Individual Golfer: \$125 to Cupp for State Representative Committee)

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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 9/15/2017

Monday, September 18

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Dever, J., 466-8120), Rm. 114, 9 a.m.

HB 182 **DEBT ADJUSTING** (Seltz, B.) Regarding debt adjusting. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

HB 251 **SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS** (Greenspan, D.) To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 282 **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** (Hambley, S.) To expressly prohibit criminal mischief relating to residential rental property and to prohibit a metropolitan housing authority from renting or providing housing assistance to a person who has recently been convicted of criminal mischief relating to residential rental property. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 320 **STATE FINANCES** (Hagan, C., Roegner, K.) To create the Long-range Financial Outlook Council for the purpose of informing the public and the General Assembly about the financial status of the state by studying financial and other conditions and issuing an annual long-range financial outlook report. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 329 **PYRAMID SCHEMES** (Pelanda, D.) To modify the law governing pyramid promotional schemes. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-8100), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

HB 292 **OHIO RESIDENCY** (Scherer, G.) To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 333 **TAX RETURNS** (Becker, J., Leland, D.) To allow married couples to elect to file either separate state tax returns or a joint state return, irrespective of their federal filing status. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 334 **BUSINESS INCOME** (Scherer, G.) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.

SB 121 **MAMMOGRAM COVERAGE** (Eklund, J.) To include tomosynthesis as part of required screening mammography benefits under health insurance policies. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 52 DEED SOLICITATION (Rezabek, J.) To regulate the solicitation of certain deeds. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 120 DEBT ADJUSTING (Eklund, J.) Regarding debt adjusting (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 169 TRAVEL INSURANCE (Wilson, S.) To oversee the sale of travel insurance. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 199 MORTGAGE LENDING (Blessing, L.) To create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), South Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Herbert Andre de la Porte and Philip Koster to the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services; Phil Stammitti to the County Sheriffs' Standard Car-Marking and Uniform Commission; and Jack Lee-Harris, C. Thomas Pfeifer and Thomas Thompson to the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission.

HB 8 RECORDS EXEMPTION (Hambley, S., Rezabek, J.) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 60 DRIVER'S LICENSES (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.) To authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 95 DISTRACTED DRIVING (Hughes, J., Seitz, B.) To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 125 COURT JURISDICTIONS (Craig, H., Seitz, B.) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

SB 127 WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (LaRose, F.) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 148 ACCIDENT REPORTS (Kunze, S., Huffman, M.) To require an accident report to indicate whether any person involved in the accident wishes to be contacted for commercial solicitation purposes, to prohibit any person from using the information contained in an accident report for those purposes with regard to a person who did not agree to be contacted, and to allow a person to submit emergency contact information

upon vehicle registration for inclusion in the next of kin database. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Bacon, K., 466-8064), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of William Patmon III to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

HB 68 **VOYEURISM (Anielski, M.)** To include an impaired person as a potential victim of voyeurism, to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance, and to prohibit an owner, operator, administrator, or employee of a care facility from creating, sharing, reproducing, or publishing any image of a care facility resident without a proper purpose and without prior written consent from the resident. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 94 **MONTH DESIGNATION (Sykes, E., Perales, R.)** To designate February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 223 **STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS (Dever, J.)** Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 64 **JUVENILE BINDOVERS (Thomas, C.)** To eliminate mandatory bindovers and reverse bindovers, and modify the rules and procedures regarding a discretionary bindover, of an alleged juvenile offender from a juvenile court to a criminal court. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 125 **CHILD SUPPORT (Beagle, B.)** To make changes to the laws governing child support. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 158 **ELDER FRAUD (Wilson, S.)** To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 180 **FIREARM LAWS (Uecker, J., Hottinger, J.)** To assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

~~Canceled: House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.~~

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3506), Rm. 119, 11 a.m.

House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 113, 1:30 p.m.

HB 163 **PREVAILING WAGE (Roegner, K., Riedel, C.)** To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

- HB 211** **HOME INSPECTORS** (Hughes, J.) To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- HB 230** **FLAG DISPLAY** (Gonzales, A., Ginter, T.) To prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 236** **ELEVATOR LAW** (Patton, T., Cupp, R.) To enact the Model Elevator Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 245** **CALL CENTERS** (Boccieri, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To enact the Consumer Protection Call Center Act of 2017 to require the Department of Job and Family Services to compile a list of all employers that relocate a call center to a foreign country and to disqualify employers on that list from state grants, loans, and other benefits. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (Chr. Landis, A., 466-8035), Rm. 018, 2:30 p.m.

- HB 272** **HUNTING LICENSES** (Householder, L., Kick, D.) To allow a landowner's grandchildren of any age to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without obtaining a hunting license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl hunting permit, and to allow certain partially disabled veterans to receive a free license, permit, or wetlands habitat stamp. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 14** **PARIS ACCORD** (Lepore-Hagan, M., Leland, D.) To affirm the commitment of the members of the General Assembly, in accordance with the aims of the Paris Agreement, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by the year 2025. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.

- HB 54** **REVENUE OBLIGATIONS** (Blessing, L., Gavarone, T.) To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 132** **FANTASY CONTESTS** (Dever, J., McColley, R.) To grant the Ohio Casino Control Commission the authority to regulate fantasy contests and to exempt fantasy contests from the gambling laws. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Wednesday, September 20

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- SB 186** **BUSINESS INCOME** (Peterson, B.) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 113 **FUEL TAX (Coley, B.)** To levy an additional registration tax on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars and trucks beginning on January 1, 2020; to authorize a per-gallon motor fuel retail price reduction for consumers that is equal to the state per-gallon motor fuel tax of \$.28; and to exempt each gallon of motor fuel that is sold at the reduced retail price from the state motor fuel tax. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 69 **TIF DISTRICTS (Cupp, R.)** To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 9:30 a.m.

HB 168 **CEMETERY REGISTRATION (Stein, D.)** To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. (2nd Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 281 **BROADBAND EXPANSION (Carfagna, R.)** To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

HB 284 **AUTO INSURANCE (Antani, N.)** To create a study committee to author a report making recommendations about ways to reduce the cost of insurance premiums among commercial drivers ages eighteen to twenty-five. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 336 **LICENSE FEES (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.)** To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute)

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.




Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

House Civil Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m. or after session

HB 267 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION LIABILITY (Ingram, C.)** To eliminate certain defenses to political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle and to reduce damages recoverable against a political subdivision in such actions by the contributory fault of the plaintiff or other parties. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 271 **ACCESSIBILITY LAWS (McColley, R., Rezabek, J.)** To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (Chr. Balderson, T., 466-8076), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session

- SB 51**  LAKE ERIE (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.) To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- SB 165**  BRINE SALES (Dolan, M., Skindell, M.) To establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from certain oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt such a commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SR 59**  SOO LOCKS (Dolan, M., LaRose, F.) To encourage the President and the Congress of the United States and the United States Office of Management and Budget to support plans to upgrade the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and encourage the United States Army Corps of Engineers to take expeditious action in preparing an Economic Reevaluation Report. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Thursday, September 21


Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-7584), Rm. 313, 9 a.m.

- Behavioral Health Quarterly Update and Medicaid Update featuring ODM Director Barbara Sears and ODMHAS Director Tracy Plouck

Wednesday, September 27

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

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From: Raynard Jackson
Subject: Black Americans for a Better Future 2017 Economic Policy Summit Invitation

Please find attached our formal invitation to our first annual Economic Policy Summit.

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From: Derrick L. Forward; President, Dayton Unit NAACP
Subject: Official Statement from Dayton Unit NAACP President

**Official Statement from Dayton Unit NAACP President
Regarding Franklin Fire Fighter Comments:**

As a public servant who is in position to save American lives, the hate he embodies has no place in American society. Franklin City Council should exercise leadership and terminate his employment without apology, just as the Jefferson Township Trustees done with their Fire Fighter who shared similar views of bigotry on Facebook.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/09/19/ohio-firefighter-one-dog-is-more-important-than-a-million-african-americans/>

Ohio firefighter: 'One dog is more important than a million' African Americans

By Kyle Swenson on September 19 at 8:18 AM

An Ohio firefighter appears to have put his job in jeopardy by posting offensive comments to Facebook.

Until last week, Tyler Roysdon suited up as a volunteer firefighter in Franklin Township, a small town in southwestern Ohio, about 40 miles north of Cincinnati.

But, according to station WHIO, a recent Facebook back-and-forth caught the 20-year-old writing that in a burning building he would choose to save a dog before an African American because "one dog is more important than a million [expletive]," he wrote, using the n-word.

The post — arriving at a time when racial tensions are cranked high across the nation and debates are endlessly waged over what actually constitutes offensive speech — has since been deleted from Roysdon's account. But the statement did not disappear before being spotted by local authorities.

Last week, the township's board of trustees voted to indefinitely suspend Roysdon for "conduct unbecoming a township employee." Roysdon's work as a volunteer was a paid position.

"Fire Chief Steve Bishop immediately contacted the firefighter and directed the comments

be removed," the township said in a statement. "The firefighter was suspended without pay until the Board of Township Trustees could meet to determine a course of action."

Roysdon — whose Facebook account also features pictures of the Ohioan in firefighter gear as well as Confederate flag memes — did not immediately respond to a Facebook message requesting comment. A woman who identified herself as his wife told Fox 19: "He admitted that he said the things that were wrong and apologized. Everyone deserves a second chance and is also entitled to their own opinion."

According to the Journal-News, the township trustees have scheduled a disciplinary hearing for Sept. 27 to address the charges. Roysdon will have the opportunity to call witnesses.

"I'm disgusted in what he said," Brian Morris, the trustee president, told the paper. "There is no reason for him to say that anytime, anywhere ... That should never be said."

From: tbacane

Subject: FW: Tell ESPN that you stand with Jemele Hill

Ms. Hill's comment was correct TRAITOR Trump is a white supremacist as identified by his own actions and speech. Some would even say that by his actions and speech he could and should be identified as a RACIST, they are not wrong!

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From: Rashad Robinson with subject line: Tell ESPN that you stand with Jemele Hill

Monday night on Twitter, ESPN SportsCenter host Jemele Hill called Donald Trump "a white supremacist who has largely surrounded himself with other white supremacists." **Because of this, ESPN has publicly reprimanded her and the White House has taken the unprecedented step of calling for her to be fired - a clear assault on the First Amendment.**

Tell ESPN that you stand with Jemele Hill

What Hill said wasn't a partisan statement, it is an inescapable truth that has been acknowledged and written about extensively by countless other journalists. Trump is a man that pals around with avowed White Nationalists, even employing them in the White House. A man who outright refuses to condemn the actions of neo-nazis in Charlottesville and has retweeted graphics from White nationalists accounts. A man whose real estate company was sued multiple times by the Department of Justice for refusing to rent to Black people.

ESPN has shown that above all else that they desperately want to "stick to sports" and keep hard truths out of sight. But this is naive. **Politics have always been in sports**: from Jesse Owens to Jackie Robinson to John Carlos and Tommie Smith to the US and Soviet boycotts of the Olympics. This has been particularly true about race because sports in this country disproportionately rely on the labor of young black men. Labor that often leaves them disfigured, in chronic pain, or with life altering brain injuries.

ESPN's efforts to silence Jemele Hill for making a political statement are also extremely hypocritical. This year, they re-hired Hank Williams, Jr., to sing their Monday Night Football theme song. Williams' return comes six years after ESPN fired him from the job for comparing President Obama to Adolf Hitler. Williams has also written songs like "If the South woulda won," glorifying the Confederacy and waxing poetic about a return to lynchings. How is it possible that a man like Hank Williams Jr, who sings about "taking back Miami" from immigrants, is not politically problematic, but a Black woman pointing out clear and present white supremacy is?

Tell ESPN that you stand with Jemele Hill

Race is an issue that ESPN has never been comfortable with and it shows with their tone deaf coverage of Colin Kaepernick, their ridiculous decision to remove Asian broadcaster Robert Lee from the UVA football game, and now their silencing of Jemele Hill.

Since Trump's election, many news outlets have embraced their status as arbiters of truth in the face of Trump's reliance on "alternative facts" to cultivate a climate of fear. But not ESPN. Instead, they have doubled down on normalizing the type of environment that brought Trump to power. In recent weeks, "the Worldwide Leader in Sports" pushed the false narrative that the NFL's declining ratings are due to players protesting police violence in their communities, regurgitated NFL owner's talking points about why Colin Kaepernick is still unemployed, and even ran a fantasy football segment after Charlottesville that looked like a pre-Civil War slave auction.

But this not a time for craven attempts to "stick to sports" or be "neutral" because "unity" doesn't work when one group is denying another's right to exist. The need for Black voices in journalism that take on racism and openly talk about it is more urgent than ever.

Tell ESPN that you stand with Jemele Hill

From: Thomas

Subject: Film and the Arts

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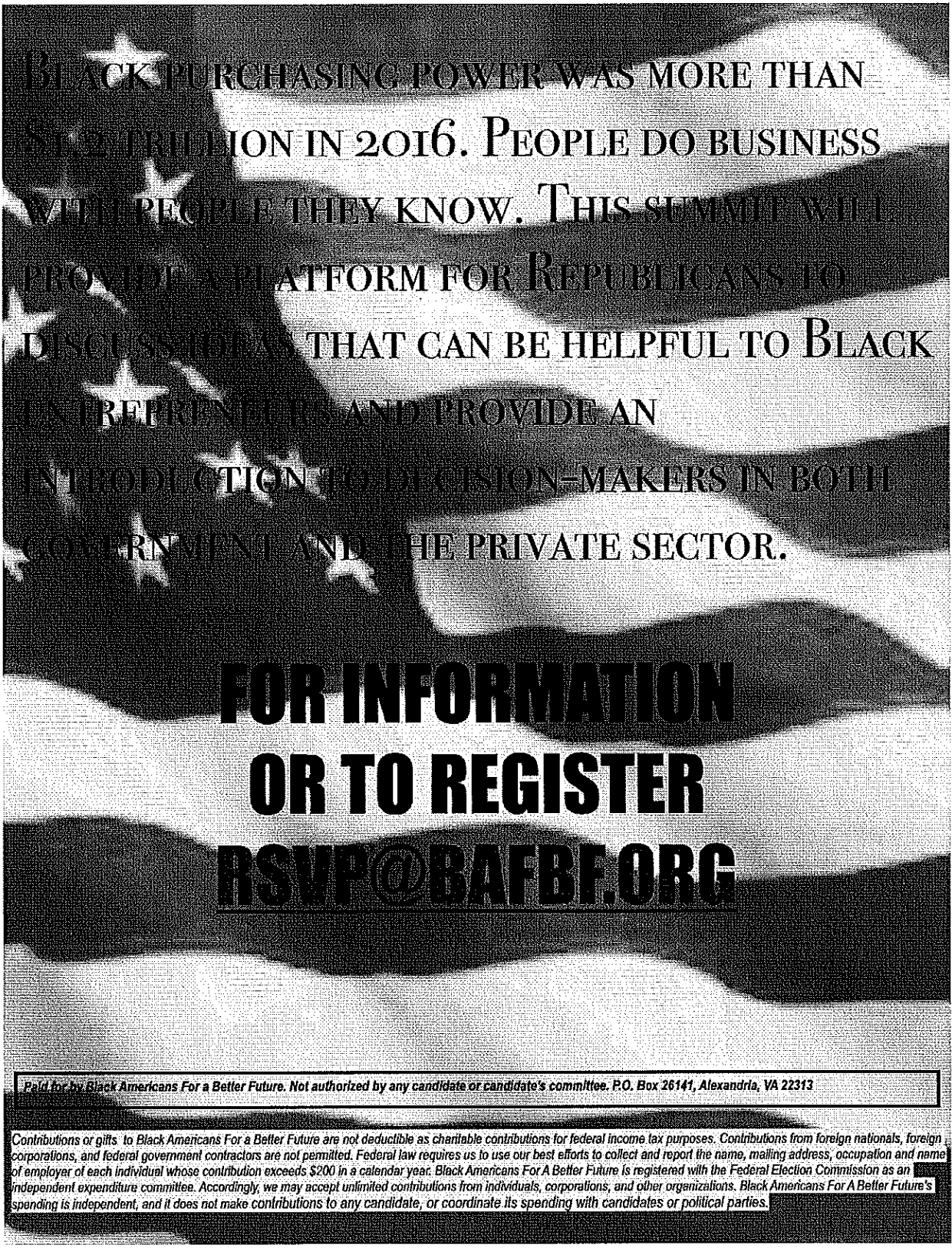
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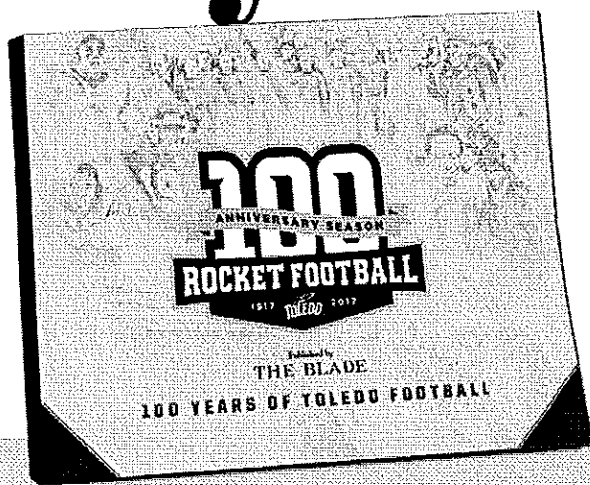
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Erica York | Tax Analyst, ALEC Center for State Fiscal Policy | *Richmond Times-Dispatch*



ALEC Tax Analyst Erica York writes: "Richmond agreed to a \$10 million contract to build the Redskins training center. What should have been a privately-funded project is costing millions of tax dollars. Let's put an end to taxpayer-funded sports facilities..." [\(more\)](#)

In The News

New ALEC Survey Shows Wide Support for Tax Reform

Joel Griffith and Jonathan Williams | ALEC Center for State Fiscal Policy | *Political Vanguard*



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Member Focus

David Dreier Receives the Order of the Aztec Eagle

Karla Jones | Director, ALEC Federalism and International Relations Task Force



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Expert Insight

The Way is Paved for Autonomous Vehicle Technologies

Robert Ordway and Jonathon Hausenchild | American Legislative Exchange Council



The Federal Government is starting to act on Autonomous Vehicle Technologies. The Trump administration, through Secretary Elaine Chao and the U.S. Department of Transportation, just announced a new guidance document for automated driving systems... [\(more\)](#)

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Expert Opinion

Protests: Enforce the Laws on the Books Before Writing New Ones

Daniel Turner | Analyst, ALEC Center to Protect Free Speech



Exercising one's free speech rights should be easy. It should not be like going to get a driver's license. The more rules, restrictions, caveats, and forms that are involved in free speech, the less likely people are to exercise their free speech rights... **(more)**

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From: Thomas Scott

Subject: #45 vs. Athletes Fallout

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From: MARGARET PETERS

Subject: Take a Knee

I just signed in support of the campaign: #TakeAKnee

Would you please also add your name to this important issue? Every name that is added builds momentum around the campaign and makes it more likely for us to get the change we want to see.

Will you join me by taking action on this campaign?

<http://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/takeaknee?bucket=COC>

After you've signed the petition please also take a moment to share it with others. It's easy – all you need to do is forward this email.

From: Ken Miles via OrganizeFor

Subject: Trump attacks Black athletes: What we all can do tomorrow

Ken Miles just started a petition to NFL Players, Fans, Coaches and Personnel:

We're calling on anyone at an NFL game this season, who condemns the comments of Donald Trump, to take a knee in solidarity with athletes like Michael Bennett, Eric Reid, and Colin Kaepernick and journalists like Jemele Hill.

Sign now!

I just started a petition titled
"#TakeAKnee"

Once again 45 has proven that Black people are nothing more than property to him.

Twice in as many weeks, Donald Trump has come for the livelihood of Black athletes and journalists who continue speak out against injustice at great

risk to their safety, employment and ability to pursue passions for which they've dedicated their lives. First, he called for the firing of Jemele Hill for tweeting her opinion on her personal social media platform. Then, this week at rally in Alabama, Trump called for NFL owners to "fire" athletes like Michael Bennett, Eric Reid, Colin Kaepernick and so many others from the San Francisco 49ers to the Buffalo Bills for speaking out in protest of police brutality and systemic racism.

Perhaps he was feeling emboldened by NFL buddies like Dan Snyder (Washington), Shad Khan (Jaguars), Bob McNair (Texans), Robert Kraft (Patriots), Woody Johnson (Jets) and Stan Kroenke (Rams), all of whom each contributed \$1 Million to his inauguration. Or perhaps he had the consent of the league itself, as their marketing department contributed \$100,000. Of course Trump was already bragging about NFL owners not signing Colin Kaepernick because he may send them a nasty tweet.

The NFL has to decide what side they're on as Trump targets Black players to throw red meat to his base.

Either way, Trump felt way too comfortable calling for NFL owners to tell personnel that when any player that takes a knee they should "get that son of a bi*ch off the field right now..." This is just another sad example of Trump's long history of misogyny and trashy attacks on Black folks who dare to stand against injustice.

It is time the league acts on its motto and "protect the shield" by forcefully supporting their players right to speak out about the issue of police brutality and systemic racism in

the criminal justice system that affects them. **Everyone in the NFL must choose what side they're on and act in solidarity with players, and media members being targeted by the highest office in the nation.**

That's why we're asking anyone at an NFL game this weekend to take a knee during the National Anthem--not only in solidarity with countless athlete-activists' right to protest; but in defiance of Donald Trump's ruthless targeting of Black athletes and journalists. **We= 2re in a pivotal moment when everyday Americans and athletes with shared values of justice and equity are using their powerful voices to say enough is enough--no more racism, no more anti-Muslim bigotry, no more misogyny, and no more Trump!** We need to continue to support the athletes that are risking their livelihoods to stand up for justice.

Black dissent is being targeted by Trump. Join us to tell the NFL to fight back.

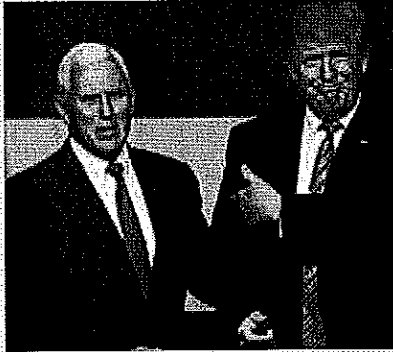
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Color Of Change is building a movement to elevate the voices of Black folks and our allies, and win real social and political change. Help keep our movement strong.

From: tbacane

Subject: FW: Hold Mike Pence accountable

Hold Mike Pence accountable!



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While President Trump is being denounced for his vile efforts to whitewash bigotry, Vice President Mike Pence is trying to skitter under the radar.

"President Trump's leadership inspires me every single day," Pence says.

What about the days when Trump **defends and incites racist violence**? Even Secretary of State Rex Tillerson remarked that "Trump speaks [only] for himself." When a journalist asked Pence, he dodged the question.

What about the days when Trump **threatens nuclear war, or escalates the war on Afghanistan**?

Or the day when Trump **pardoned a Sheriff for illegal racist targeting**?

What about the days when Trump **removes environmental protections or hurricane preparedness**?

Or the days when he **tries to ban Muslims** from entering the country?

What about the day when Trump set up a commission to **suppress voting**?

Or the days (every day of his presidency so far) when Trump **accepts domestic and foreign payments** ("emoluments") in violation of the U.S. Constitution?

Are those days when Pence feels inspired by Trump's leadership or not?

Demand that Pence directly say whether he agrees with Trump's comments on Charlottesville and other key issues.

The silences and utterances from Vice President Pence are dangerous and despicable.

Please click here to sign the petition demanding that Pence stop evading the moral depravity of President Trump's coziness with racism and bigotry.

After signing the petition, **please use the tools on the next webpage to share it with your friends.**

This work is only possible with your financial support. **Please chip in \$3 now.**

-- The RootsAction.org Team

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From: JV

Subject: Trump Names Sarah Palin Ambassador to Nambia | The New Yorker

It's about time. Obama never did fill that essential post. — JV

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Trump Names Sarah Palin Ambassador to Nambia

Andy Borowitz



Photograph by Mary Altaffer / AP

WASHINGTON (The Borowitz Report)—Donald J. Trump on Friday capped a busy week of diplomatic activity by naming the former Alaska governor Sarah Palin the United States Ambassador to Nambia.

By naming Palin to this diplomatic post, the United States has become the first nation in the world to formally recognize Nambia's existence.

In a joint appearance with Trump at the White House, Palin acknowledged that she "didn't know a lot about Nambia" but said that she was looking forward to receiving a comprehensive briefing on the nation's history, culture, and customs from the Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos.

"Then it's Nambia, here I come!" Palin exclaimed.

In a sign that Palin's appointment was a popular move, a new poll shows that an overwhelming majority of Americans support her permanent relocation to Nambia.

From: Stephen, Michelle, Mariam and the Win Without War team

Subject: Trump tells U.N. to "totally destroy" North Korea

Donald Trump's march to war grows more terrifying by the day. Just a few hours ago, in front of leaders from every member of the United Nations, our commander in chief threatened that he may "**totally destroy North Korea.**"

This is appalling. Trump is putting millions of lives at risk by promoting direct confrontation with a nuclear-armed North Korea. We can't let him succeed.

Can you contribute to our movement today? We're working night and day to strip the president of the power to wage unilateral, endless war. And we need your help. Donate

This was Trump's first-ever address to the United Nations General Assembly. Many would think he'd use his time in front of an institution dedicated to promoting world peace through diplomacy to touch on urgent issues like climate change, conflict in the Middle East, or maybe even humanitarian crisis like Yemen or Burma.

Instead, the president threatened war with North Korea and threatened to undo years of crucial diplomatic work by walking away from the Iran nuclear deal.

Donald Trump's unchecked power to declare and incite worldwide war is exactly why our work is so important. Will you help us respond to these calls for war by making a donation for peace today?

Contribute \$3 right now to our movement for peace.

From: Judy Burnette

Subject: All the countries America has invaded in one map [All for "humanitarian" purposes -of course...!]

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/all-the-countries-america-has-invaded-in-one-map/5606068>

All The Countries America Has Invaded... in One Map

By Tyler Durden on August 28, 2017, Global Research

(To read its content, please open the attachment or click the above link!)

From: Michael, Faithful America

Subject: At Catholic University, Pope Francis ally blocked from speaking

Outrage is building over the cancellation of this speech - will you add your name and help stand up against the right-wing extremists who are bullying James Martin and trying to undermine Pope Francis?

Dear Faithful America member,

Right-wing activists opposed to Pope Francis just got Catholic University's seminary to **cancel a speech by the Rev. James Martin, a popular spiritual writer who just wrote a book standing up for gay Catholics.**

Martin has been appointed to a Vatican advisory position by Pope Francis, and his new book on the LGBT community and the Catholic Church, *Building a Bridge*, has been praised by two cardinals and three bishops.

He was scheduled to give an unrelated talk about Jesus' life and ministry at Theological College's annual alumni event, but **after a vicious smear campaign by some fringe websites calling him a "homosexualist," seminary leaders decided to cancel.**

The story is already making headlines, and the even the university president has distanced him from the decision.

If the cancellation stands, it will set a dangerous precedent and encourage right-wing activists to continue demonizing Martin and other Catholic leaders who are embracing Pope Francis' vision of a more welcoming church.

Tell Catholic seminary: Let James Martin speak.

From: Kamala Harris; U.S. Senator, California

Subject: FW: Stop this moral atrocity with Healthcare

*There's still time to defeat Trumpcare if enough of us come together to raise our voices and put grassroots pressure on the Republicans. **Donate \$10 now to defeat the GOP's Graham-Cassidy "health care" plan by supporting MoveOn's work to win over senators who are still on the fence.***

For more details on what MoveOn is doing and why your support matters so much, please see my message from earlier this week, below:

After multiple failed attempts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, my Republican colleagues in the Senate are trying one last-ditch, desperate effort to take away health care access from tens of millions of Americans.

Here's the truth: **This bill, the Graham-Cassidy plan, is an even more damaging draft of Trumpcare than the ones before.** Republicans know that it can't pass in the Senate under normal circumstances, so they're putting fast-track efforts into play.

They have until September 30 to pass this bill without the 60 votes they'd normally need, and because they know this plan is so harmful and is already incredibly unpopular, they are recklessly rushing to a vote in less than two weeks. They're not even letting the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office give a comprehensive score of the bill—including an estimate of how many millions of people would lose health care if this moral atrocity passes.

We need to stop this bill from passing, so that's why I'm asking you to support MoveOn's emergency campaign to defeat it. Your donation will pay for rapid-response ads and grassroots organizing to stop this bill now—before it's too late.

Will you pitch in to support MoveOn's campaign against the Graham-Cassidy Trumpcare bill? [Donate](#)

Here's what MoveOn is working on, and needs your help to expand:

- **Keeping the phones ringing off the hook.** They are actively driving calls over email and using advanced analytics and phone technology to empower volunteer teams to call and send text messages to millions of folks who are represented by Republican senators.
- **Protesting on Capitol Hill and across the country to show the intensity of opposition to this bill.** Just yesterday, MoveOn organized an emergency rally outside the Capitol that I and a dozen other senators attended—and now they are rolling out actions with allies all around the U.S. over the next 10 days.
- **Running ads in targeted states** that expose the horrific cost of repealing the Affordable Care Act.
- **Making grants to local organizers in key states** to aid emergency organizing efforts.

Can you donate now to make sure that MoveOn has the resources to fight and defeat the latest—and scariest—GOP plan to repeal health care?

Donate

For many Americans, this legislation could mean the difference between life and death. The Graham-Cassidy bill not only rolls back protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions, but also includes devastating cuts to Medicaid, dramatic cost increases for seniors and people with disabilities, and many other awful provisions.

If we don't act right now to stop Republicans from rushing this bill into law by September 30, millions of Americans will lose their health insurance.

I need you to step up and join us in this fight now. Can I count on you to chip in to fund MoveOn's critical rapid-response work today? Donate

I believe that we can defeat this bill—once and for all. But we can only succeed if all of us work together.

Want to support MoveOn's work? The MoveOn community will work every moment, day by day and year by year, to resist Trump's agenda, contain the damage, defeat hate with love, and begin the process of swinging the nation's pendulum back towards sanity, decency, and the kind of future that we must never give up on. And to do it we need your support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with MoveOn? Donate**

Contributions to MoveOn.org Civic Action are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

From: Nicole Regalado; Campaign Manager, CREDO Action from Working Assets, CREDO Action

Subject: Resistance needed: Trumpcare is back

It's time to turn up the heat. Tomorrow, we are delivering more than 170,000 petition signatures to Senate offices demanding that they do everything in their power to block and resist the latest version of Trumpcare (Graham-Cassidy).

Time is of the essence as we head towards a potential Trumpcare showdown on the Senate Floor in the next few days. **Will you help us drive up the number of signatures on our petition to ramp-up pressure on these Senators at the beginning of this crucial week?**

Mitch McConnell could ram through a vote on the cruel and heartless Graham-Cassidy bill as early as Wednesday. We need to show key Republican senators that there is

overwhelming opposition to this dangerous bill now.

Graham-Cassidy would end health coverage for millions of Americans, rollback Medicaid expansion and defund Planned Parenthood. We must keep pushing to make sure these senators do the right thing, protect our care and reject this cruel bill.

Please share this important action with your friends and family by forwarding this email.
[Click here to share the petition on Facebook and Twitter.](#)

P.S. You can go directly to our petition to stop Trumpcare by [clicking here.](#)

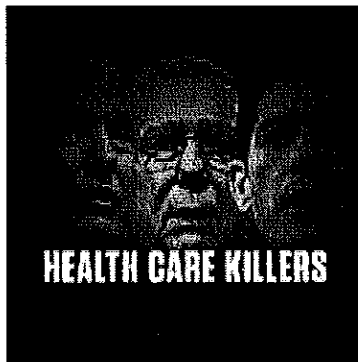
Time to stop Trumpcare again

Petition to Congress:

"Put the health and well-being of your constituents first. Block and resist the cruel and heartless Graham-Cassidy bill and stop right-wing Republicans' last-ditch effort to gut health care for millions of Americans."

Add your name:

Sign the petition ►



Donald Trump, Mitch McConnell and the rest of the Trump Republicans have not given up their quest to gut our health care. Two extreme right-wing Republican senators from South Carolina and Louisiana – Senator Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy, respectively – just introduced a so-called compromise bill (Graham-Cassidy) to win over the supposedly moderate wing of their party. But make no mistake, **their latest proposal is just as cruel and heartless as the Trumpcare bills that came before it.**

Graham-Cassidy would roll back Medicaid expansion, end protections for people with pre-existing

conditions and cut funding to Planned Parenthood.¹

Mitch McConnell is so desperate for a win on health care that he is now trying to ram through a vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill in the next few days to avoid a democratic filibuster and the public scrutiny of this dangerous bill.²³ Our collective activism helped stop Trumpcare three times before. Now, we need to use the same grassroots power to block this latest attack and make sure that we defeat the Republicans' zombie Trumpcare bill once and for all.

Tell Congress: Do everything in your power to protect our health care. Block the dangerous Graham-Cassidy bill. Click here to sign the petition.

Republicans are using the same old dirty tricks to advance this latest version of Trumpcare. Once again, they are pushing through a secretive bill to steal health care from millions of people that they drafted behind closed doors and with no time for public hearings, constituent input or amendments.

The Graham-Cassidy bill would:

- **End employer-provided health coverage for many Americans.**
- **Eliminate subsidies** that help middle- and low-income people purchase health plans.
- **Dramatically cut funding to support states= 2 Medicaid costs and allow states to impose work requirements on Medicaid beneficiaries,** an attack that could leave millions of people with disabilities and low-income families without health coverage.
- **Give states the power to remove more expensive health services like maternity care from the list of essential benefits** that insurance providers are required to cover.
- **Allow insurance providers to charge more and reduce the quality of care for people with pre-existing conditions.**
- **Defund Planned Parenthood.**
- **Increase health care premiums for seniors.^{4,5,6,7}**

Graham-Cassidy would also replace federal funding for Medicaid expansion and health care subsidies with a state block grant that would shrink over time. The block grant gives states the power to design their own health programs but less money to run them. Many Democratic states like California, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and the federal government gave them more funding to cover the cost of new and more Medicaid beneficiaries. Graham-Cassidy would force states to absorb the cost of expanding Medicaid and eventually roll back the expansion.

By 2026, states that expand Medicaid would have 50 percent less federal funding to keep the program going.⁸ **Republican Sen. Rand Paul, who opposes the bill, has called Graham-Cassidy's block grant scheme a "game" to take away federal funding from Democratic states.⁹** It is also an insidious attack on the health care of more than 15 million low-income people covered under Medicaid expansion.¹⁰

Senate Republicans claim they are just a few votes short of repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with Graham-Cassidy, which is why we must speak out now."

Tell Congress: Do everything in your power to protect our health care. Block the dangerous Graham-Cassidy bill. Click here to sign the petition.

We have signed petitions. We have made calls. We have showed up to congressional offices. We have shared videos, graphics and articles via our social media channels. Our activism has worked to defeat Trumpcare before, and we can win again if we put forward a massive show of resistance against Trump Republicans' latest attempt to gut our health care. Will you help ramp-up the pressure now to make sure members of Congress do the right thing and reject the heartless Graham-Cassidy bill?

Tell Congress: Do everything in your power to protect our health care. Block the dangerous Graham-Cassidy bill. Click on the link below to sign the petition.

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From: Robert Reich

Subject: A punch in the gut

Imagine waking up just a few days from now, turning on the news, and feeling like you've been punched in the gut.

Imagine finding out that, in the dead of night, 50 Republicans (with help from Mike Pence) flipped just three Senate votes and passed the Graham-Cassidy Trumpcare bill—a bill that would take away health care from tens of millions of Americans, drive up insurance premiums, slash Medicaid funding by hundreds of billions of dollars, and eviscerate protections for pre-existing conditions.

That's a terrible thing to imagine—but could come true in just a matter of days.

Now imagine the alternative: The resistance—that includes you, Munsup—mounts an all-hands-on-deck, 72-hour push to stop Trumpcare ... And together, we win!

Imagine tens of millions of Americans—including those actively fighting cancer or dealing with debilitating chronic conditions—celebrating getting to keep their health coverage. The resistance, once again, shows that we are powerful. Energized, we've set the stage to win a clean Dream Act, block the worst elements of Trump's "Robin Hood in reverse" tax plan, and build the groundwork and infrastructure that progressives need to take back power in 2018 and 2020, as well as setting the stage for a more proactive debate on truly expanding access to health care as a human right.

Republicans have never been this close to passing Trumpcare—to stop them, we need three Republicans to commit to voting against it, and that hasn't happened yet. Though momentum seems to be on our side, with Senator John McCain announcing his apparent opposition to the bill on Friday, this is still WAY too close for comfort. We have just days before a key procedural deadline to ensure we defeat this terrible bill, and a vote is expected as early as Wednesday.

What our future will look like is up to us—and how well we organize. Which is why I'm writing you to ask:

Will you support MoveOn's emergency 72-hour sprint to save health care for 32 million Americans? [Donate](#)

The latest version of Trumpcare is really bad—it's the worst one so far. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities said that the bill is even "more radical" than the previous versions of Trumpcare.¹ Insurance companies have come out against it, as has a national organization of Medicaid program directors, with includes members from the reddest of red states.^{2,3}

In short: The Graham-Cassidy bill is pretty much the worst piece of legislation that I've ever seen. And the polling shows that the bill is as unpopular as it deserves to be. Just 24% of Americans support the latest version of Trumpcare, while the Affordable Care Act is

supported by 54%.⁴

I could give you reason after reason why this latest version of Trumpcare shouldn't be considered. (Is tens of millions of Americans losing their health care reason enough? How about taking away protections for pre-existing conditions?)

Senator Chuck Grassley recently said, "Republicans campaigned on this so often that you have a responsibility to carry out what you said in the campaign."⁵ **Republicans believe that they must pass this bill because they promised their most hard-right supporters that they would—no matter how deadly it is. The only way to stop them is to make them realize that their constituents will hold them accountable if they follow through. We have to get Republicans to see that the political price is just too high.**

And that's where MoveOn's all-hands-on-deck push comes in. With your help, MoveOn will reach every possible constituent of on-the-fence senators, make sure that senators' phones ring off the hook, ensure that protests happen at senators' offices, and that hard-hitting ads run during the crucial last 72 hours.

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I know that a lot has been asked of you in recent months. But the moment we're in requires sustained effort from all of us. If you're frustrated, you're not the only one—believe me, I'm frustrated, too. And so is former President Barack Obama. He recently said that it's "frustrating to have to mobilize every couple of months to keep our leaders from inflicting real human suffering on our constituents."⁶

But consider how well our mobilization is working so far. We're successful because we don't give up.

Sustained mobilization during dark political times is the only way that permanent progress will be won, so **I hope that you'll join me in this huge push for our collective values.**

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*From Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, the **US has had a military presence across the world**, from almost day one of its independence. For those who have ever wanted a **clearer picture of the true reach of the United States military – both historically and currently** – but shied away due to the sheer volume of research required to find an answer, The Anti Media points out that a crew at the Independent just made things a whole lot simpler.*

Using data compiled by a Geography and Native Studies professor from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington,

the *indy100* team created an interactive map of U.S. military incursions outside its own borders from Argentina in 1890 to Syria in 2014.

To avoid confusion, *indy100* laid out its prerequisites for what constitutes an invasion:

“Deployment of the military to evacuate American citizens, covert military actions by US intelligence, providing military support to an internal opposition group, providing military support in one side of a conflict, use of the army in drug enforcement actions.”

But *indy100* didn't stop there. To put all that history into context, using data from the Department of Defense (DOD), the team also put together a map to display all the countries in which nearly 200,000 active members of the U.S. military are now stationed.

For more details, click on the country:

The three countries with the biggest U.S. presence, according to DOD numbers, are Japan at 39,623, Germany at 34,399 and South Korea at 23,297.

The publication of the maps comes just after President Donald Trump announced the military would not be pulling out of its 16-year engagement in Afghanistan – a reversal of his previous stance – and that the U.S. would seek stronger ties with India to combat terrorism in South and Central Asia.

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The new resource pages include:

Guide to improving health value

This resource page provides information about where to find evidence-informed strategies proven to address many of the challenges identified in HPIO's 2017 *Health Value Dashboard*.

Medical marijuana in Ohio resource page

The purpose of this resource page is to inform policymakers and other stakeholders about the Medical Marijuana Control Program and medical marijuana legalization in Ohio. It also includes resources on the health and policy implications of changes in marijuana use.

Healthcare cost and quality data transparency

This resource page provides resources for federal, national, state and local-level healthcare cost and quality datasets, tools and reporting, as well as information on organizations setting healthcare quality standards.

Intersections between education and health

Health and education are areas of significant focus for Ohio policymakers. With support from the United Way of Central Ohio, HPIO has started to explore the intersections of education and health. The resource page on the topic will be updated throughout the year.

Ohio Medicaid resources

Medicaid pays for medically necessary healthcare services for more three million Ohioans. As a healthcare payer for one in four Ohioans, Medicaid is an important driver of payment reform and quality measurement initiatives in the healthcare system. The newly updated resource page includes primers, literature reviews and other resources from both Ohio and national sources.

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From: Ben, Manny, Iram, Anne, and the rest of the team, MoveOn.org Political Action

Subject: VICTORY! (Zombie Trumpcare is dead for now; we'll stay vigilant.)

Living in America in the Trump era feels like living in a horror movie. **But even in horror movies, the monster can be defeated.**

Today, Mitch McConnell and the Senate GOP conceded that they don't have the votes to pass the Graham-Cassidy bill, the latest and most deadly incarnation of Trumpcare.¹ Make no mistake: This victory was due to the the massive and relentless uprising by MoveOn members and our many allies across the country. Tens of millions of American families will be safer and healthier thanks to our collective efforts.

But horror movies have sequels, and monsters come back to life. This one's likely to be no different. Republicans failed at this particular attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act, but they can still try again. The truth is that the danger of repeal won't fade until Republicans no longer control Congress and the White House. We can't let our guard down—and we have to keep the pressure on.

To make sure that you're ready for the next set of fights—on health care or whatever else comes our way—click here to sign up for text message updates from MoveOn.

(And if you're already signed up for text alerts—invite a friend to sign up through that link!)

While we can't rest in the long run, it's worth taking a moment to express gratitude.

Gratitude to the millions of people who made phone calls, protested at lawmakers' offices, donated and marched and spread the word—the millions of people who fueled this movement.

Gratitude to the people with disabilities who put their bodies on the line, protesting at the Senate hearing this Monday. Gratitude to the enormous, united coalition—Planned Parenthood and Indivisible, ADAPT and the Little Lobbyists, the SEIU and the Center for Popular Democracy, UltraViolet and so many other groups—plus every major health care organization and every single Democrat and Independent in Congress who redoubled their efforts every time Republicans came again for our health care.

Gratitude to Susan Collins and John McCain for doing the right thing. Gratitude to the Democratic and independent senators who said no to repeal again and again and didn't waver—and to the 16 senators who joined together to call for Medicare for All last week to push us toward a truly constructive conversation on how to strengthen health care for all Americans.

Our movement will never rest. Our movement will always #resist. Our movement will keep fighting for something better: for a health care system—and a country—that has a place of honor and dignity in it for everyone.

P.S. One communication channel has become increasingly vital in this fight: text messages. Many rapid-response protests and waves of phone calls have been organized primarily through MoveOn's text message platform. If you'd like to take your activism up a level and get occasional messages with urgent, breaking opportunities for action, just **click here to sign up for MoveOn text**

messages. (Already signed up for MoveOn text alerts? Forward this message to a friend invite a friend to sign up too!)

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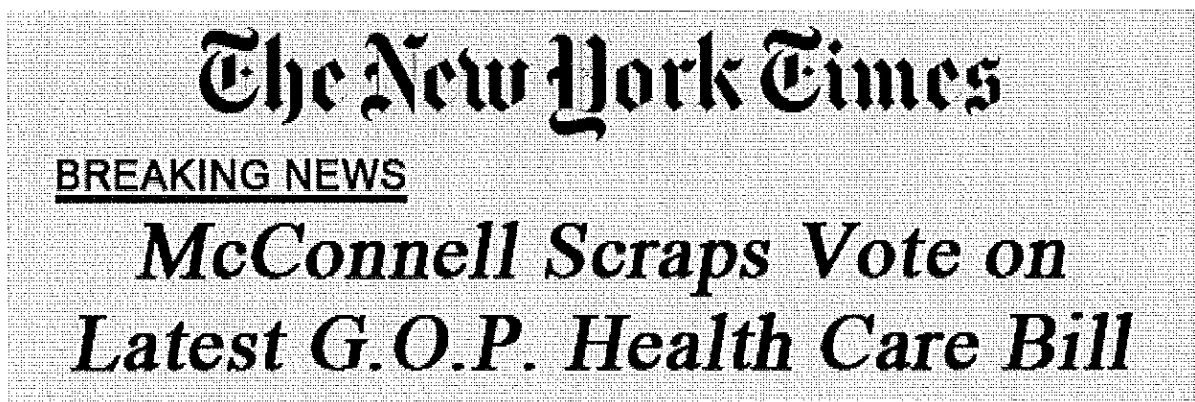
Want to support our work? The GOP attempt to rip coverage away from millions of Americans has once again crumbled in the face of furious opposition. But it's now clear that health care repeal will remain a threat until Republicans no longer control Congress and the White House. **Will you support our work to build an electoral landslide that destroys the GOP's political power in 2018, starting with the House of Representatives?**

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From: O'Connell Katie; Digital Communications Coordinator, People For the American Way

Subject: Victory over Trumpcare -- AGAIN!



THANK YOU for the actions you took and the role you played in this amazing victory. Trumpcare has gone down in flames each time Trump and Congressional Republicans have tried to pass it because of powerful resistance from PFAW

members like you. This victory wouldn't have been possible without your time and effort -- signing petitions, making calls, turning out to events, and more.

We know Republicans won't give up -- on this or any of their other attacks on the American Way.

Please continue to speak out, stay vigilant, follow updates from PFAW, and support our work over the many important fights to come.

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From: Thomas Scott

Subject: Trumplandia - Autumnal Equinox Edition; Mark Godsey; Progressive Fight

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It's time to be intentional about fighting against all forms of inequality in our country

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Subject: US Sports are on FIRE

So far as I can tell, all the ass't coaches named in the investigation are black.

- What you need to know about the FBI's NCAA basketball investigation
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From: Judy Burnette

Subject: "Sadly, North Korea's Pursuit of Nukes and ICBMs Makes Sense" — WhoWhatWhy

[Damn straight!!]

<https://whowhatwhy.org/2017/09/24/sadly-north-koreas-pursuit-nukes-icbms-makes-sense/>

From: Benjamin Armbruster

Subject: Tell Congress to speak out: No war with North Korea

Donald Trump is recklessly tweeting the United States toward a catastrophic war with North Korea.

This isn't a joke and it's not hyperbole.

With each rogue speech or unhinged tweet Trump makes about blowing up the reclusive regime, North Korean officials fire back with greater intensity. Just yesterday, following the flight of U.S. bombers near North Korea, their foreign minister threatened to shoot down American warplanes.

We need to take a giant step back from the brink of nuclear war. Write to your Members of Congress and demand that they speak out against war with North Korea.

Experts from across the political spectrum are becoming increasingly worried that the United States is headed toward an entirely preventable war on the Korean peninsula. This is precisely the situation former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry was warning about when he said, "[t]he danger is that we would blunder in a nuclear war by ... a conventional

military conflict and a conventional war escalating into that.”

Think about that: **We’re racing towards nuclear war.**

It’s clear that Donald Trump thinks he can “win” this crisis by making one threat after another, but so far, his actions are only making a bad situation dramatically worse.

Thankfully, Donald Trump isn’t the only elected leader we have. We need Congress to speak up and immediately work towards a diplomatic intervention that would ease tensions with North Korea, begin talks to find an actual solution to the crisis, and speak out against Trump’s reckless rhetoric that’s driving us to war.

Email your Representative and Senator today and ask them to promote diplomacy with North Korea.

We’ve got our work cut out for us. Some members of Congress are defending Trump’s dangerous behavior while others are openly calling on the United States to attack North Korea without provocation.

Experts warn it’s possible that the North Koreans view Trump’s bluster as a precursor to a U.S.-led attack, provoking them to strike first. In fact, the North Korean foreign minister said as much yesterday, calling Trump’s speech at the United Nations, “a declaration of war.”

We are in a very dangerous situation and we cannot let Trump’s warmongering go unanswered.

Please take a few minutes to email your members of Congress and ask them to denounce Trump’s reckless rhetoric.

P.S. Hurricane Maria became yet the latest hurricane to ravage the Atlantic recently, devastating our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico particularly hard. Please consider supporting the Hurricane Maria Community Relief Fund by clicking [here](#) to make a donation today. Every dollar raised will go towards immediate relief, recovery, and equitable rebuilding in Puerto Rico for frontline communities hit hardest by the storm. **Donate**

From: Thomas Scott

Subject: Protest Etiquette; The Star Spangled Banner; Mike Tomlin

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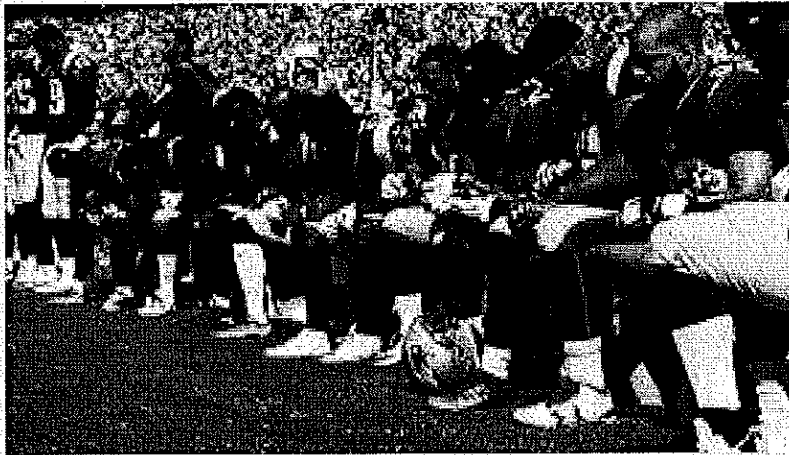
Star-Spangled Bigotry: The Hidden Racist History of the National Anthem

Pennsylvania fire chief calls Steelers coach Mike Tomlin a ‘no-good n*gger’ over NFL protests

How to Protest Without Offending White People

From: Brandi Collins, Color Of Change

**Black NFL players peacefully protested racial inequality,
Trump called them "sons of bitches."**



**Tell the NFL: Support the players' platform for racial
equality and Unity Month**

TAKE ACTION

Subject: Stand with Black athletes

Once again, 45 has proven that Black people are nothing more than property to him. In response, athletes and individuals around the league and our country united to fight back. **Now, we're calling on owners to reject Trump's words by doing more than linking arms with players but actually working to protect their safety, rights, and freedoms both on and off the field.**

Tell the NFL: Support Player's Platform & Plan for Racial Equality

On Friday night in Alabama, Donald Trump reaffirmed his disdain for Black people by referring to any NFL player who peacefully protests racial inequality during the pregame national anthem as a **"son of a bitch"** who should be forced off the field. During his rambling speech, Trump also took the time to criticize the NFL for implementing rules to promote player safety because those efforts impact his personal entertainment. This came about a week after Trump went after sports journalist Jemele Hill and tried to publicly strongarm ESPN into firing her for comments made on her personal social media.

Perhaps he was feeling emboldened by NFL buddies like Dan Snyder (Washington), Shad Khan (Jaguars), Bob McNair (Texans), Robert Kraft (Patriots), Woody Johnson (Jets) and Stan Kroenke (Rams), all of whom each contributed \$1 Million to his inauguration. Kraft even gave him a Super Bowl ring. Or perhaps he had the consent of the league itself, as their marketing department contributed \$100,000. Either way, **Trump feels way too comfortable demanding the NFL be nothing more than a league of modern day gladiators whose sole purpose is to destroy their bodies for entertainment.** Now it's time for Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL owners to choose which side they're on.

The NFL can't have it both ways: either support the people who are the reason the league exists or continue to cower to a bigot.

Earlier this year, a group of players and a former player, Malcolm Jenkins, Michael Bennett, Torrey Smith and Anquan Boldin, met with Goodell and NFL officers to discuss the Player's Coalition's activism in their local communities. They delivered a recently publicized memo calling on the NFL to declare November a month of social activism to advance racial justice causes, including criminal justice reform, to elevate the issue in the same way the NFL does with Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The request is detailed and includes an ask for **owners and league officials to attend player-led visits to local prisons and meetings with formerly incarcerated people and their family.** It also makes clear that the request is not for permission but financial support and genuine collaboration.

Demand the NFL listen to players and designate November an official month for racial justice activism.

After Trump's Friday night tirade, several NFL owners rushed to release statements condemning his words.¹ **But we need action- not more words.** To this day Colin Kaepernick remains blackballed by league owners, despite public acknowledgment from elite quarterbacks around the league from Cam Newton to Tom Brady that Kaepernick is more talented than numerous QBs who have jobs today. Equivocation and calls for unity from the league are no longer acceptable.

Now that several NFL owners claim to support of their players' rights, it is time for Commissioner Goodell to declare November a "month of unity." **NFL rosters are 70% black, and the league owes it to its players to recognize the heroes who have stood up to racial intolerance in America.**² Soccer leagues around the world are working to stand up to racism;³ it is past time for the NFL to do the same. As DeMaurice Smith, the president of the players' union, said on Saturday, **"We will never back down. We no longer can afford to stick to sports."**⁴

Tell the NFL: Support Player's Platform & Plan for Racial Equality

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Color Of Change is building a movement to elevate the voices of Black folks and our allies, and win real social and political change. **Help keep our movement strong.**

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From: Katie O'Connell, Digital Communications Coordinator, People For the American Way

Subject: Hearing on bills to protect Special Prosecutor today -- make a call!

Senators are hearing testimony on two bills today that seek to protect Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller and his investigation from the wrath of Donald Trump. Each bill would use a different method but the result would be the same -- **Trump would not be able to fire Mueller easily, just because he is angry about the Russia investigation.**

You already let your senators know where you stand by signing a petition. Now, it's crucial that Senators hear from you, on the day of this hearing, that you support measures to protect Mueller from being fired by Trump.

Please call your Senators now and urge them to support legislation that would protect Special Prosecutor Mueller and his critical work from being derailed by Trump.

Mueller's investigation is getting deeper and deeper -- he's allegedly looking into Trump's financial history -- and it's incredibly important that Congress take action to

protect the investigation before it's too late.

Make a call now to let your Senators know that you care about the Mueller investigation and that it is crucial for it to be protected.

The Mueller investigation is one of the best chances to get to the bottom of the Trump campaign's potential collusion with Russia, and the best chance to make sure that there is accountability for any wrongdoing that occurred in the 2016 election.

As always -- thank you for taking the time to make calls about this critical issue.

P.S. We just published a piece about the importance of protecting the special counsel investigation -- **please take a moment to read it on our blog and then share it!**

From: David K. Greer
Subject: FW: Noah's ark



In the year 2017, the Lord came unto Noah,
who was now living in America and said:
"Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-
populated, and I see the end of all flesh before
me."
"Build another ark and save 2 of every living thing

along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying:

"You have 6 months to build the ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."



Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw
Noah

weeping in his yard - but no ark.

"Noah!," He roared, "I'm about to start the rain!"

Where is the ark?"



"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed."

"I needed a building permit."



"I've been arguing with the boat inspector
about the need for a sprinkler system."



"My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood by-laws by building the ark in my back yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the local Planning Committee for a decision."



"Then the local Council and the electric company
demanded
a shed load of money for the future costs of moving
power
lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the
passage for the ark's move to the sea. I told them
that the sea would be coming to us, but they would
hear none of it."



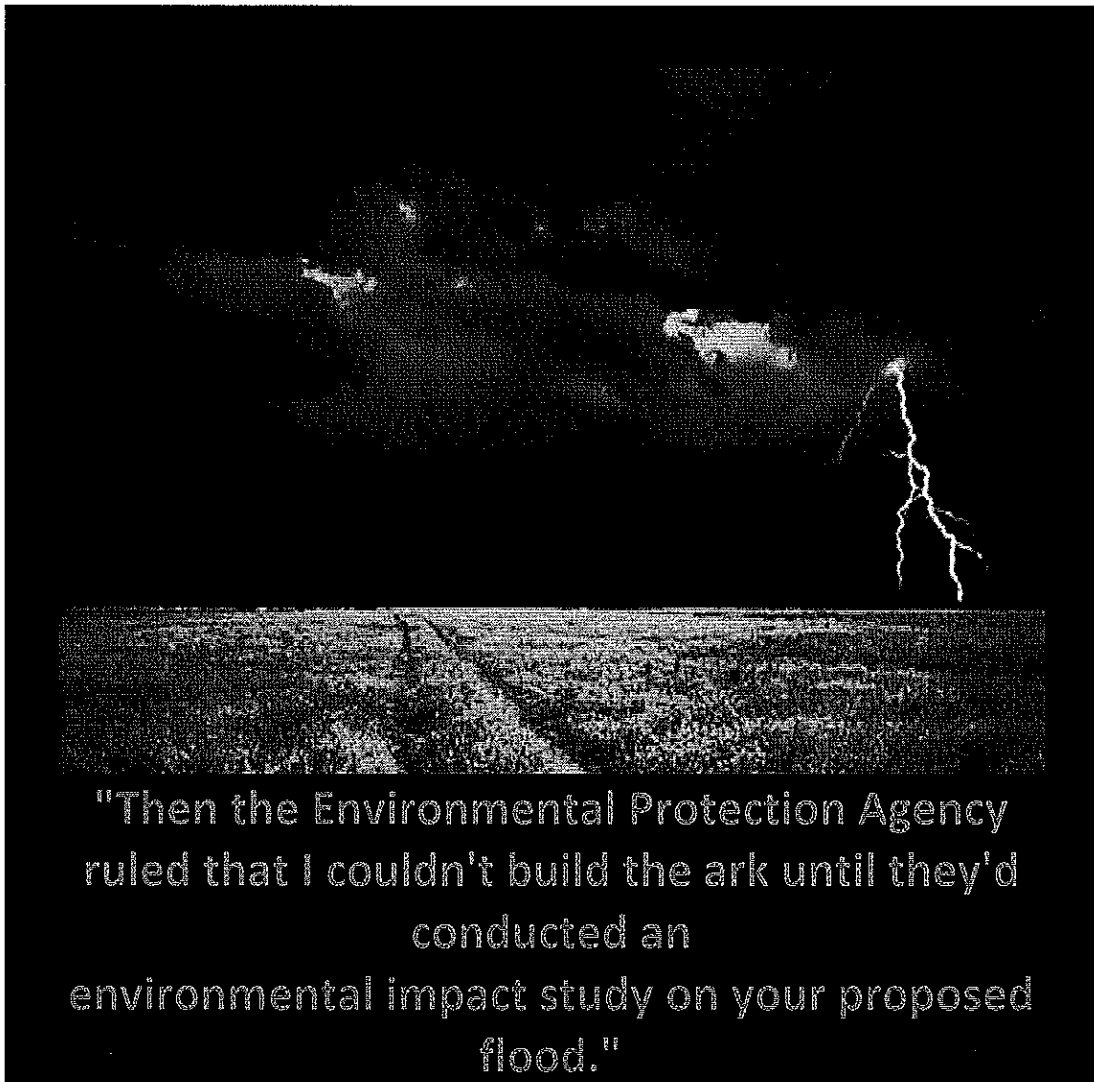
"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a
ban
on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater
Spotted Barn Owl."

"I tried to convince the environmentalists that I
needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!"



"When I started gathering the animals the ASPCA
took me to court.

They insisted that I was confining wild animals
against their will. They
argued the accommodations were too restrictive
and
it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals
in
a confined space."



"Then the Environmental Protection Agency
ruled that I couldn't build the ark until they'd
conducted an
environmental impact study on your proposed
flood."